

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Indo-China Dilemma**

EMPEROR Bao Dai is returning to Indo-China from his visit to France in anything but a triumphant state of mind. The French Government is going through the motions of putting him on the spot for the activities of the Vietnamese National Congress, which has itself tried to put him on the spot. The French Government's immediate concern is to avoid disaster during the current Assembly debate on Indo-China, but at the same time there exists the danger of increasing France's own difficulties at a later stage by putting too much pressure on Bao Dai at this time. The Emperor is certainly returning to his own country a profoundly disappointed man. The Vietnamese Congress had been carefully prepared and contained a majority of his supporters, but these had not the courage to resist the pressure of the minority of young Tonkinese Nationalists who had come over from the Vietnamese, and whose simple tactics were to adopt an extreme position and to call anyone who opposed them traitors. The Congress has declined to assist Bao Dai in the negotiations with France but its leaders are insisting that it may stay in existence as a constituent assembly, for which purpose it was called. They have given him formal support, but at the same time have indicated that he can only remain in power as the prisoner of those whom he thought to control. In fact this might have been foreseen as the consequence of any success achieved in the purpose for which he was originally brought forward by the French—namely, to form a rallying point for non-Communist national feeling.

HAD this success been achieved earlier, there would have been less inclination to use the attitude of the Vietnamese Nationalists as an excuse for getting out of Indo-China irrespective of the consequences. The Congress was certainly not the first to point out that Vietnam would not be content with the definition of the French Union by the Constitution of 1946. The young Nationalists of Vietnam may, indeed, be thinking that France is lucky if she has the prospect of a Franco-Vietnamese Union on an equal footing to maintain her presence in the Far East, although from the point of view of a Frenchman who has only thought about the matter in terms of the expenditure of French blood and treasure, the return for the past seven years' effort may seem meagre. Future developments will to some extent depend on whether the French Government is asking the Vietnam Government to accept Article 62 of the French Constitution as a description of the conditions under which the present war is inevitably conducted or as the essential characteristic of the French Union. This article lays it down that the Republic assumes the direction of policy for preparing and assuring the defence of the French Union. It is this that no Asian nationalists of today can accept as a principle, though with the enemy at the gate he might well accept the fact of French direction of the war as an immediate necessity. The question is whether a policy can be worked out and made acceptable in the short time available both in Saigon and in Paris which will permit the successful conduct of the war.

**UN REPORT CONFIRMS ISRAELI AGGRESSION**

**Spy Ring Charge Against 4 Men**

Berlin, Oct. 27. East German security police have arrested four East Berliners on charges of forming a spy ring, the East German news agency, ADN, said today.

The four, Kurt Sprockhof, Kurt Demut, Werner Klagewitz and Gerd Just were arrested "in short time ago," ADN said.

The "East Bureau" of the West Berlin Trade Union Federation was alleged to have given them their orders and they were said to have operated among the building workers of the Stalin Allee—East Berlin show streets where blocks of flats are now being built.

The East Berlin riots of last June 17 began in the Stalin Allee.

ADN said the four had spread "illegal propaganda" on the building sites of Stalin Allee, collected espionage material and recruited more agents for the preparation of fascist provocations.

It said investigations were going on. West Berlin Trade Union officials dismissed the report as "nonsense". They said the East Bureau of the Trade Union had been founded to help East German building workers who fled to the West after the June riots. —Reuter.

**Volcano In Eruption**

Djakarta, Oct. 27. The notorious volcano Krakatau on an island between Java and Sumatra erupted last Sunday, sending a cloud of four kilometres spitting into the sky. The Bandung Volcanological Service announced tonight.

The eruption was followed by more than 100 explosions of which the last was heard on Monday morning at 6.30 local time.

Volcanological experts led by Dr. Deneve had sailed from the volcano island one day before eruption. Last Saturday they had been in the crater.

Fifty years ago, Krakatau's eruption killed tens of thousands and caused tidal waves and ash rains noticed even in Europe and Southern America. —Reuter.

**Palace Audience**

London, Oct. 27. Sir Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, was received in audience tonight by Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace. —Reuter.

**O'Brien Becomes Working Man Again**

Cuidad De Trujillo, Oct. 27. The "man without a country"—Michael Patrick O'Brien—arrived yesterday with permission from the Dominican Government to live here permanently.

O'Brien, a stateless person, shuttled back and forth in a ferry between Hongkong and Macao for nearly a year without being allowed to land by the British or Portuguese authorities.

He said on arrival here: "I am a working man and I have been given an opportunity of again becoming a normal citizen."

Two months ago the International Refugee Organization rescued him from the ferry. He was granted a Brazilian visa in Hongkong, was flown to Europe and early in August sailed for Brazil.

**Standard Weapons Used In Raids**

**TNT Expertly Fired**

New York, Oct. 27. Major-General Vagn Bennike, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Palestine Truce Organisation, presented a report to the Security Council today stating that "between 250 and 300 well-trained Israeli soldiers" had carried out the recent attack at Qibya, on the Jordan border.

Major-General Bennike's report was in the form of a memorandum from the Acting Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission, Commander E. H. Hutchinson, of the United States Navy, who listed evidence which "led to my conviction that Israeli military forces" carried out this attack.

Commander Hutchinson added: "As a breakdown of this figure, I would say at least 225 men took part in the actual raid inside Qibya."

Major-General Bennike said Commander Hutchinson quoted witnesses to the Qibya attack as describing the attackers as "Israelis in military uniform with full equipment."

Commander Hutchinson referred to the finding of shells from an 81 mm mortar, which he said was the standard weapon of the Israeli Army, and to the use of Bangalore torpedoes to blast openings in barbed wire fences surrounding Qibya.

Commander Hutchinson also listed the use of TNT demolition bombs "in quantity" and "with expert results."

Two-inch mortars had also been used against Qibya. "This is also standard military equipment and we have discovered no case that would indicate that this weapon is used by other than military forces," he added.

He noted the use of specially-manufactured incendiary bombs to destroy a lorry inside Qibya. The necks and trigger attachments of these bombs were found near a burnt vehicle.

He said "this type of bomb was used by Israeli military forces to burn a field of grain inside Jordan on May 28, 1953."

Commander Hutchinson's report continued: "Evidence noted indicated the raid was well planned and carried out by men expertly trained in the fundamentals of sudden and sustained attack."

"It seems highly improbable that other than active military forces could have carried out the raid without suffering heavy casualties from their own fire or from explosions of their demolition charges."

The approach to these villages from inside Israel was through an area protected by Israeli military forces and no group of the size employed in Qibya could move into the area or withdraw undetected, the statement concluded.

Commander Hutchinson explained that his estimate of 225 men taking part in the actual raid inside Qibya was considered an absolute minimum.

**Paralysed Man's Achievement**

Although paralysed after a fall from a flying trapeze, the French acrobat Elenne Marchel walks on his hands down the 300 steps of the famous Montmartre staircase, Paris, with the Sacre Coeur in the background.—London Express.



**Detained PPP Leaders Sent To Georgetown**

Georgetown, Oct. 27. Five leaders of the People's Progressive Party, detained during the weekend were brought here by car in the early hours of this morning to avoid incidents, it was announced today.

The five men, including Mr Sidney King, former Minister of Communications and Works, had been held in cells at New Amsterdam, about 100 miles from Georgetown, since their detention by police on sugar estates in that region.

Earlier today it was announced that the five men would be detained indefinitely under the emergency regulations by order of the Governor, Sir Alfred Savage.

The announcement said the Governor was satisfied they constituted "a threat to public safety," and that intimidation was preventing witnesses coming forward.

Deputy Police Commissioner Dick Whittingham told reporters that except their liberty would be restricted, they would live a normal life during detention "as inmates during the war," they would be allowed to see lawyers and relatives.

The other four men detained are Rory Westmaas, officially described as a Communist "evildoer," Martin Carter, Samuel Lichmansingh and Adjoedin Singh, members of the Colonial House of Assembly.

Two other PPP men detained during the weekend, Soekind Kewall and Coolan, have been released.

The official announcement said the five men would be detained indefinitely stated: "The Governor is satisfied by their past conduct and recent activities that these persons constitute a threat to public safety and order."

The statement added that the Governor had also an advisory committee consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr Carlos Gomes, and Mr H. A. M. Beckles to hear objections against detention orders.

The Governor regret that, owing to widespread intimidation and the fear of victimisation, grave difficulty has been experienced in obtaining evidence of eye witnesses to offences which have been committed. The statement continued.

**Trieste: Dulles Discusses Conference Possibilities**

**PURPOSE OF 'WORKING PARTY' IN LONDON**

Washington, Oct. 27. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, believes a five-power conference on Trieste might well begin here before the turning over of the administration of Zone A is completed.

Mr Dulles made this statement at a news conference today. He said he believed the sooner a Trieste conference began the better it would be. He added that conversations were now going on in Belgrade and Rome with the purpose of paving the way for a meeting of Italy, Yugoslavia, France, Great Britain and the United States on measures that might lead to a final peaceful solution of the controversy.

There is at work now in London, the Secretary continued, an Anglo-American "working party" which is charged with preparing the technical details involved in withdrawing British and American troops and turning over Zone A to Italian control.

He emphasised, however, that the London talks were not diplomatic negotiations.

"The two governments will continue to keep in close touch with one another about the general international situation," said Mr Dulles.

The Secretary's informal discussion of the Trieste situation was touched off by a question on the purpose of the trip to London made by a State Department official, Mr Homer Byington.

Mr Dulles said Mr Byington went to London as part of an Anglo-American working party organized to discuss the technical aspects of implementing the October 8 decision to turn over Zone A to Italian administration. The three Foreign Ministers, during their recent meeting in London, agreed that such a working party was necessary, Mr Dulles added.

He reminded reporters that the United States, Great Britain and Italy reached an agreement in London in 1950 concerning the civil administration of Zone A, designating certain responsibilities to the civil authorities, retaining others for the occupying forces and so forth. He said a number of political and economic points in administration must be worked out before the transfer could take place.

Mr Dulles apparently was trying to make guarded responses to questions touching on the delicate relations between Yugoslavia and Italy.

He referred reporters to the October 8 statement and the hope that it would lead to a final peaceful solution of the Trieste problem. He said efforts to this end had run into considerable difficulty.

The whole matter attracts a high degree of emotion, he remarked. —Nevertheless, the matter is being explored in the hope that a final and peaceful solution can be found.

Mr Dulles disclosed that the military staff talks in Southern Europe and here during the summer and early autumn were some occasion for the Anglo-American decision to turn over Zone A to Italy.

He said that, as a result of the Greek, Turkish and Yugoslav conversations and the staff talks here between Yugoslav military officials and representatives of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff and NATO, it was learned that creation of a solid strategic front in Southern Europe against possible Soviet bloc aggression was not possible without a solution of the Trieste problem.

In view of this, the United States felt that the time had come to cut the Gordian knot, Mr Dulles said.

He said also that France was a party to the staff talks here, but was not included in the initial formulation of the October 8 decision because it had no troops in Trieste. He pointed out that France was now taking part in efforts to reach a final solution.

Mr Dulles stressed that the United States was not disposed to back down on that decision. But he recognised that it was a barebone decision which in itself would not constitute a final and peaceful solution. —United Press.

Some 300,000 workers and white collar employees of the Italian chemical industry today began a 48-hour strike called by the trade unions of all shades of political opinion as a movement for higher salaries and bonuses.

It was the second such nationwide strike in the chemical industry since 1945. —France-Press.

**LIFEBOAT TRAGEDY**

**Capt Dies Lashed To The Wheel**

Arbroath, Oct. 27. The skipper, David Bruce, died lashed to the wheel of the Robert Lindsay when the little 35-foot boat capsized in heavy seas in the early morning darkness here today.

Five other crew members of the lifeboat also lost their lives in the tragedy, which occurred within sight of the men's homes.

The seventh member of the crew, Archibald Smith, became entangled in a lifeline shot from shore and was pulled to safety.

Hundreds of fisherfolk watched helplessly from shore as the boat, returning from a fruitless all-night search for a vessel in distress, was thrown by the gale-lashed waves against the harbour pier a few yards from shelter. —China Mail Special.

**May Yet Make The Worm Turn**

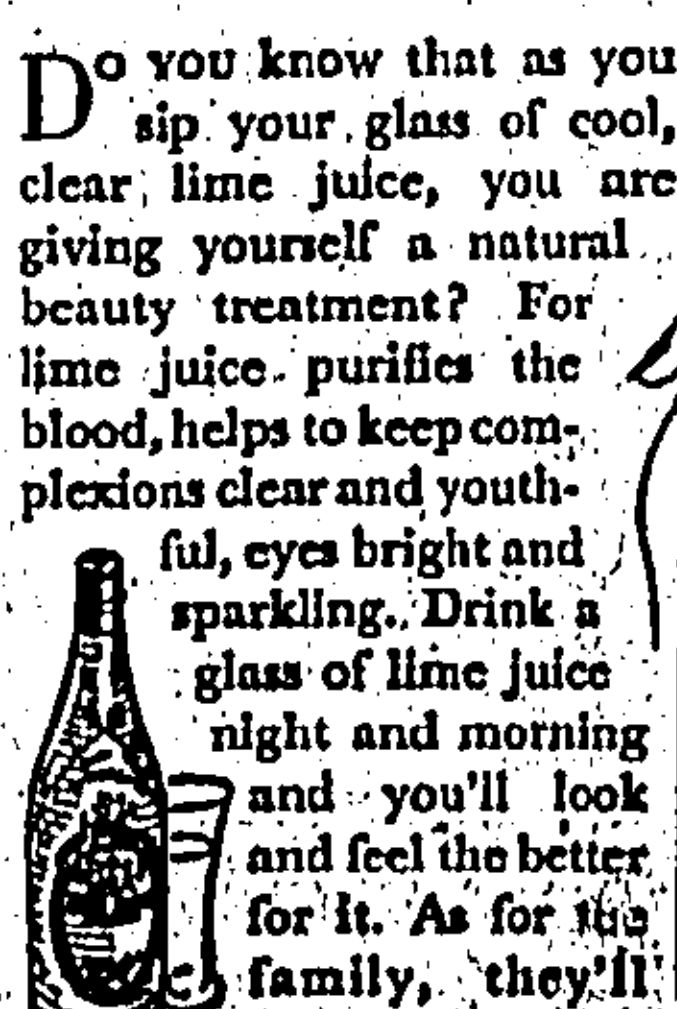
London, Oct. 28. Scientists are trying to teach worms to turn, science writer, Dr J. Gordon Cook, said in this month's issue of the Family Doctor.

He said "this work has been going on for years to try and decide whether a worm can learn from experience. And it seems that it can."

"Given a choice of two tunnels in the soil, a worm will learn to wriggle down the one that has food at the end," Dr Gordon said.

What makes the whole affair rather disheartening was that the worm can make this choice even when its "brains" have been removed. —China Mail Special.

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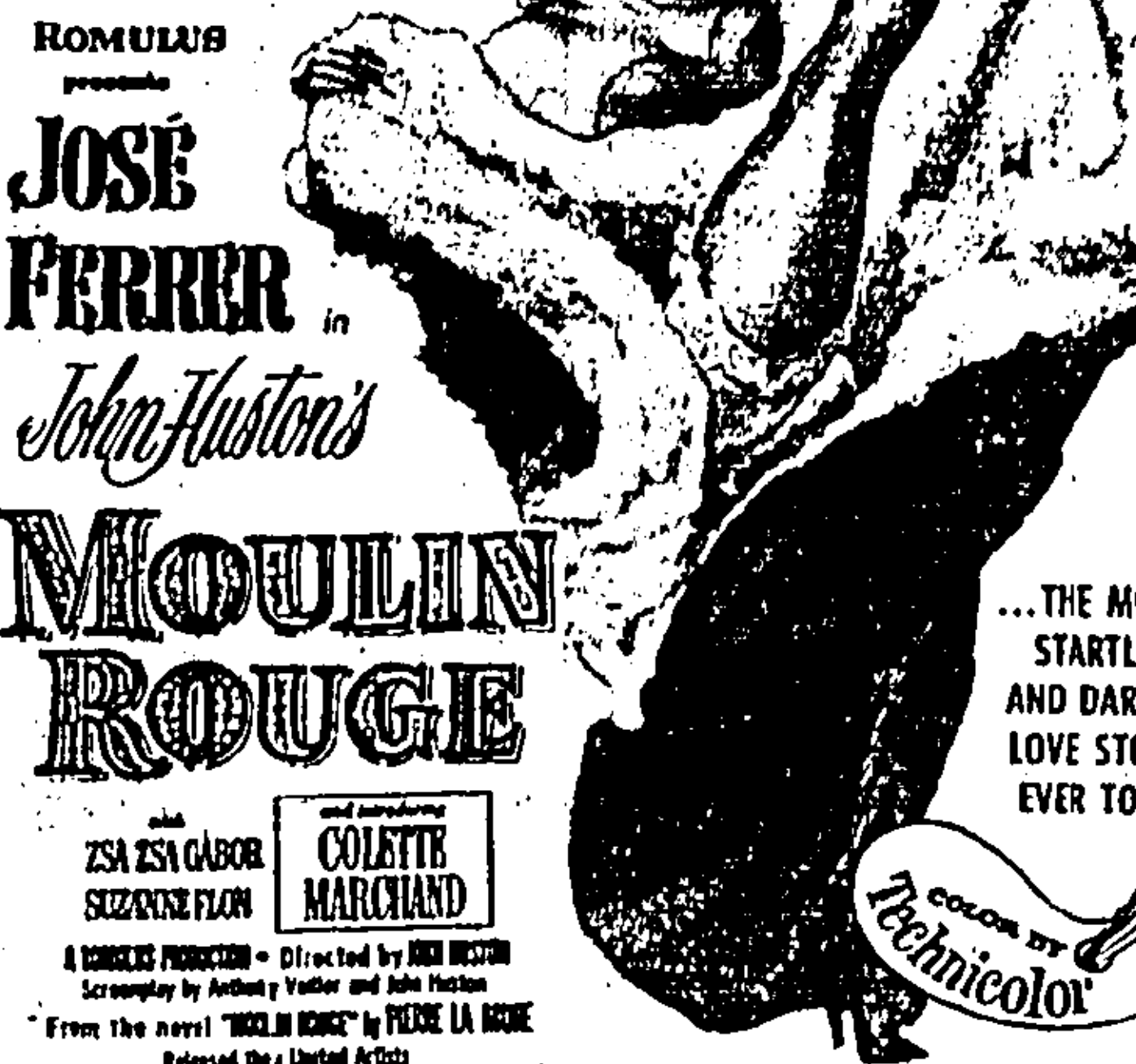


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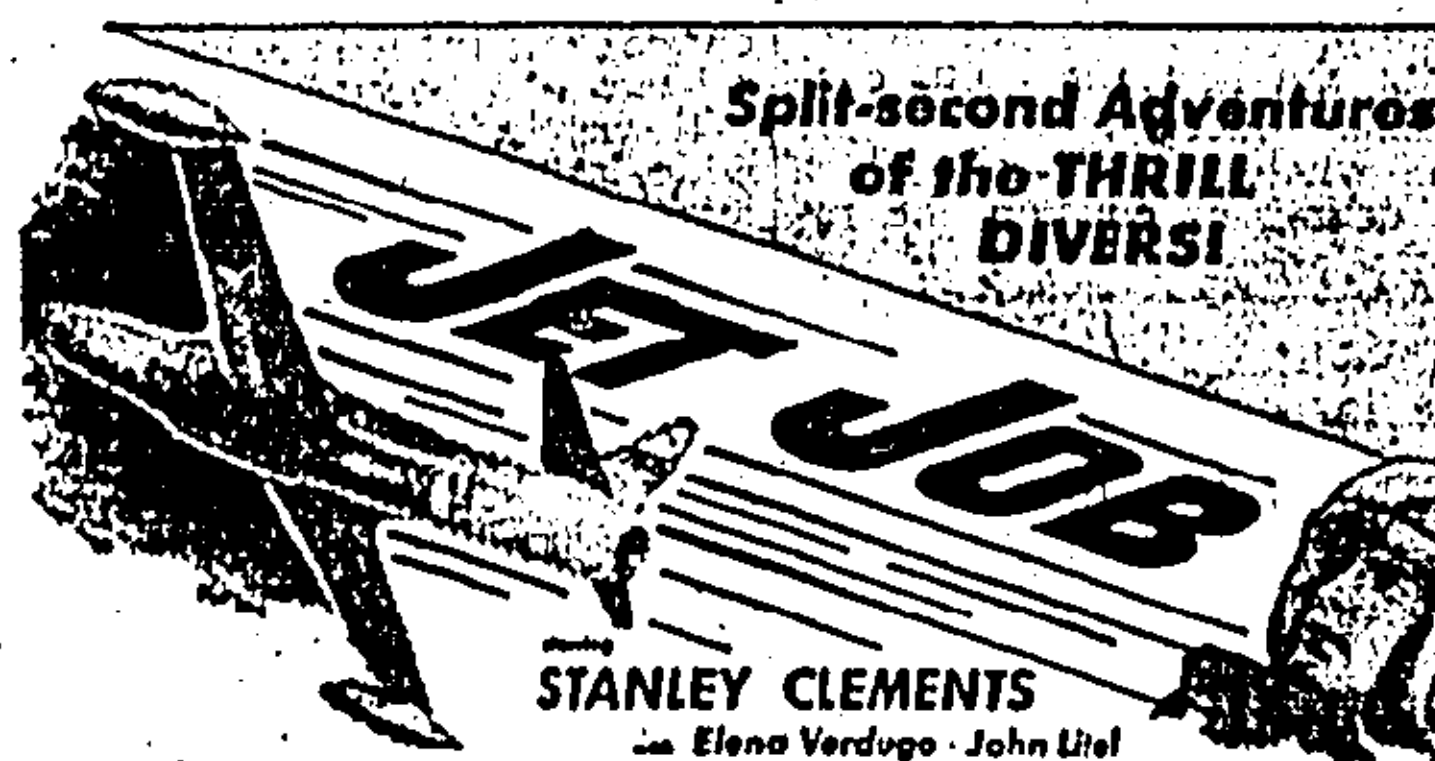
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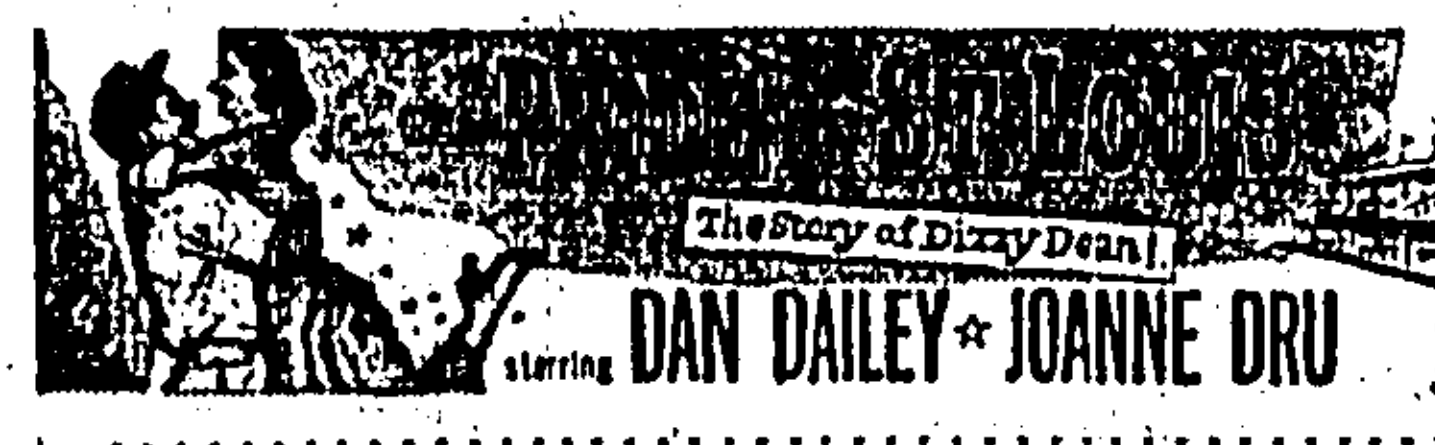
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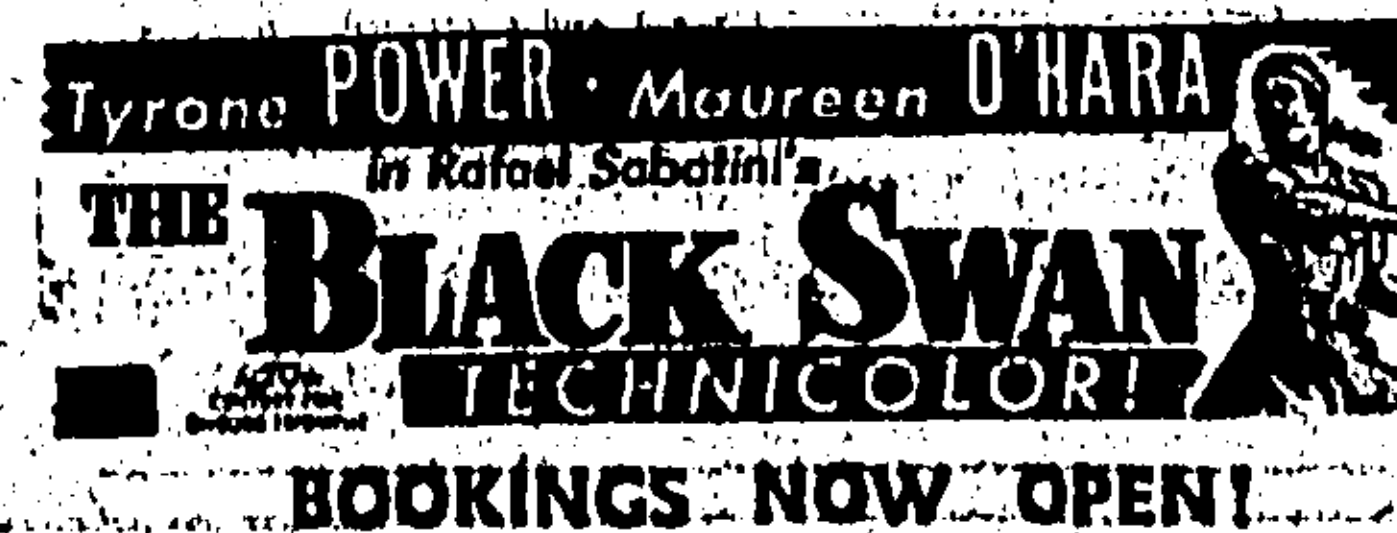
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# BAO DAI CONFRONTED BY POLITICAL CRISIS

## Military Campaign May Be Affected

Saigon, Oct. 28.  
Bao Dai, Vietnam Head of State, arrives home here today from France at the peak of a political crisis which threatens to affect the whole future of the Indo-Chinese war against the Communist-led Vietminh.

## Atomic Cloud Expected

Sydney, Oct. 27.  
The radio-active cloud from the atomic explosion at Woomera yesterday will probably pass over Sydney (population about 1,500,000) by Wednesday afternoon or Thursday, according to press reports. The Professor of Physics at Sydney University, Mr. Harry Messel, said a constant check for radio-activity over Sydney was being made at the University.

Radio-active clouds from the first Woomera explosion earlier this month bypassed Sydney but passed over Canberra (population about 250,000). China Mail Special.

## Bishop's Suggestion

London, Oct. 27.  
The Bishop of Derby, Dr. A. E. J. Warburton, suggested today that pedestrians "walking at night on the roads, and especially on country roads which are unlit, ought to be required to carry lights." He was talking on road safety. China Mail Special.

## Briton's Expulsion

Tehran, Oct. 27.  
David Walker, correspondent of the London News-Chronicle, whose expulsion from Iran had been ordered, left today. France-Press.

# LEE-GREAT WORLD

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Recent events have shown many Vietnamese so enthusiastic about winning independence that, in the opinion of observers here, they appear to forget the danger of their country being overrun by the Vietminh and put under Communist domination if French troops leave.

Bao Dai, who has spent the summer in France negotiating about the independence which Vietnam has been promised within the framework of the French Union, must tackle immediately, it is felt here, the new situation caused by a surprise motion passed unanimously by the Vietnamese National Congress 12 days ago.

This demanded independence for Vietnam outside the French Union—with the French having no special privileges or responsibilities here.

The resolution was later amended to read that Vietnam would not remain within the French Union "in its present form."

Observers believe that the resolution, though spontaneous and possibly over-hastily framed, reflected the mood of many Vietnamese in north and south—and not only political extremists. Bao Dai, it is felt, cannot ignore this demonstration of public opinion. But he believes, like many Vietnamese moderates, that the way to independence lies through co-operation with the French.

As he was in France when the resolution was passed, he is aware of the shock it gave the French and of the danger that French public opinion may demand an abandonment of the costly Indo-Chinese war.

It is expected that Bao Dai may renege his promise to give greater responsibility to the Nationalists, whose popular support is growing.

But it is not known whether the strongly pro-French Prime Minister, Mr. Nguyen Van Tam, will agree to strong Nationalist representation in his Cabinet. France-Press.

## BRITISH COMMENT

Manchester, Oct. 27.  
The Manchester Guardian today urged France to hold on to the conception of real independence for Indo-China as the only possible future basis of a fruitful relationship with Vietnam.

These were critical days for France in her handling of the political situation in Indo-China, this Liberal newspaper said.

Those Vietnamese who wanted to achieve nationhood with France's help and not under Communist domination were demanding ultimate independence in the fullest sense of the term.

"They want membership of the French Union to be made compatible with full independence."

The immediate reaction in France seems to have been one of anger although a calmer mood seems now to be prevailing.

The first reaction was a short-sighted one, the Manchester Guardian claimed. "For it is no crime to desire complete independence, and the Vietnamese leaders who are putting forward the demand could not do less even if they wished to."

Such influence as they possess over the people of Vietnam is bound up irrevocably with the idea.

There is no sheet-anchor in Indo-China which could hold against the flood-tide of Communist propaganda except the conception of independence, the Manchester Guardian claimed.

It is surely the idea which France herself should grasp and hold on to as the only possible future basis of a fruitful and friendly relationship with Vietnam.

"There is a growing realisation of all this in some French quarters, but it seems to be too little reflected in the French Government's latest note to Bao Dai."

"There is apparently much insistence on loyalty—as if any attempt to define the French Union on any but France's terms were disloyalty—but very little seems to have been said about readiness to discuss the nature of the union as between equal partners."

"The latest reports of a less imperious attitude are welcome."

# The Ideal Policeman

Amsterdam, Oct. 27.  
The ideal policeman, according to Rotterdam's Chief Police Commissioner, Mr. M. Bial, "should be as expert as a professor, pliable as rubber, transparent as X-rays, tenacious as a ferret, healthy as a fish, smartly dressed as Anthony Eden, swift as Fanny Blankers-Koen (the record-breaking Dutch Olympic athlete) and with a sense of humour like Danny Kaye."

Finally, he should be willing to put up with a small salary, he said.—China Mail Special.

# Protest To U.S. Repeated

London, Oct. 27.  
Warsaw Radio said tonight that Poland had protested for the second time to the United States at the seizure of the 8,000-ton Polish tanker, Praca, by a Chinese Nationalist patrol boat off Formosa on October 5.

A Polish note delivered to the United States Ambassador in Warsaw on October 21 recused the United States Government of "practical action" and of being directly concerned with the seizure of the vessel.

(In an earlier note, Poland said two aircraft, one of them bearing the recognition marks of the United States Air Force, circled over the Praca for an hour before the ship was "forcibly dragged" to Keelung harbour, South Formosa.)

Poland then said she was compelled to make the United States Government "responsible for this act of violence."

The latest Polish note is in reply to the United States note of October 20 in which all charges of the first Polish note were repudiated.

The latest Polish note said the American note did "not contain any reply" to the first Polish charges that the United States Government "exercised full and absolute control over" the Nationalists in Formosa "in the political, military and economic field."

"The United States cannot deny that they gave and continue to give full support to that clique and have been supplying them with naval and air equipment for years."

It was because of this support that the "Chiang Kai-shek clique" was able to carry out "practical actions on the seas," the note added.—Reuters.

# Drive Against Vice In London Ordered By Home Secretary

London, Oct. 27.  
An all-out "war" on London's homosexuals, prostitutes and call girls has been ordered by Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary.

The Home Office is securing the co-operation of Scotland Yard and London Magistrates in taking stronger action against men and women guilty of every form of sexual offence.

This action has been taken against a background of steadily increasing prostitution and male perversion in London.

The number of prostitutes in London has now reached the all-time high of more than 10,000, according to police estimates. And convictions for sexual offences now exceed 5,000 a year, compared with the immediate pre-war figure of 2,300.

The intensified "war" on vice is initially taking four forms.

1. A clean up of the "call girls" racket.
2. A detailed police probe of bogus "photographic and modelling clubs," "hostess agencies," "massage centres," and "introduction clubs."
3. Stricter and more frequent police action against street prostitution.
4. Co-ordinated action by Magistrates who have until now tended to have independent views on how to deal with various types of sex offenders, particularly homosexuals.

Later the Government may introduce fresh legislation to put "teeth" into this new and drastic campaign by giving Magistrates extra powers to deal with prostitutes and homosexuals.

At present, they can only impose a minimum fine of £2 on prostitutes, who regard it as a light, irregular form of "income tax."

There may also be legislation in the next session of Parliament directed against the mushroom "agencies" who offer sex and perversion under the cloak of normal activities.—China Mail Special.

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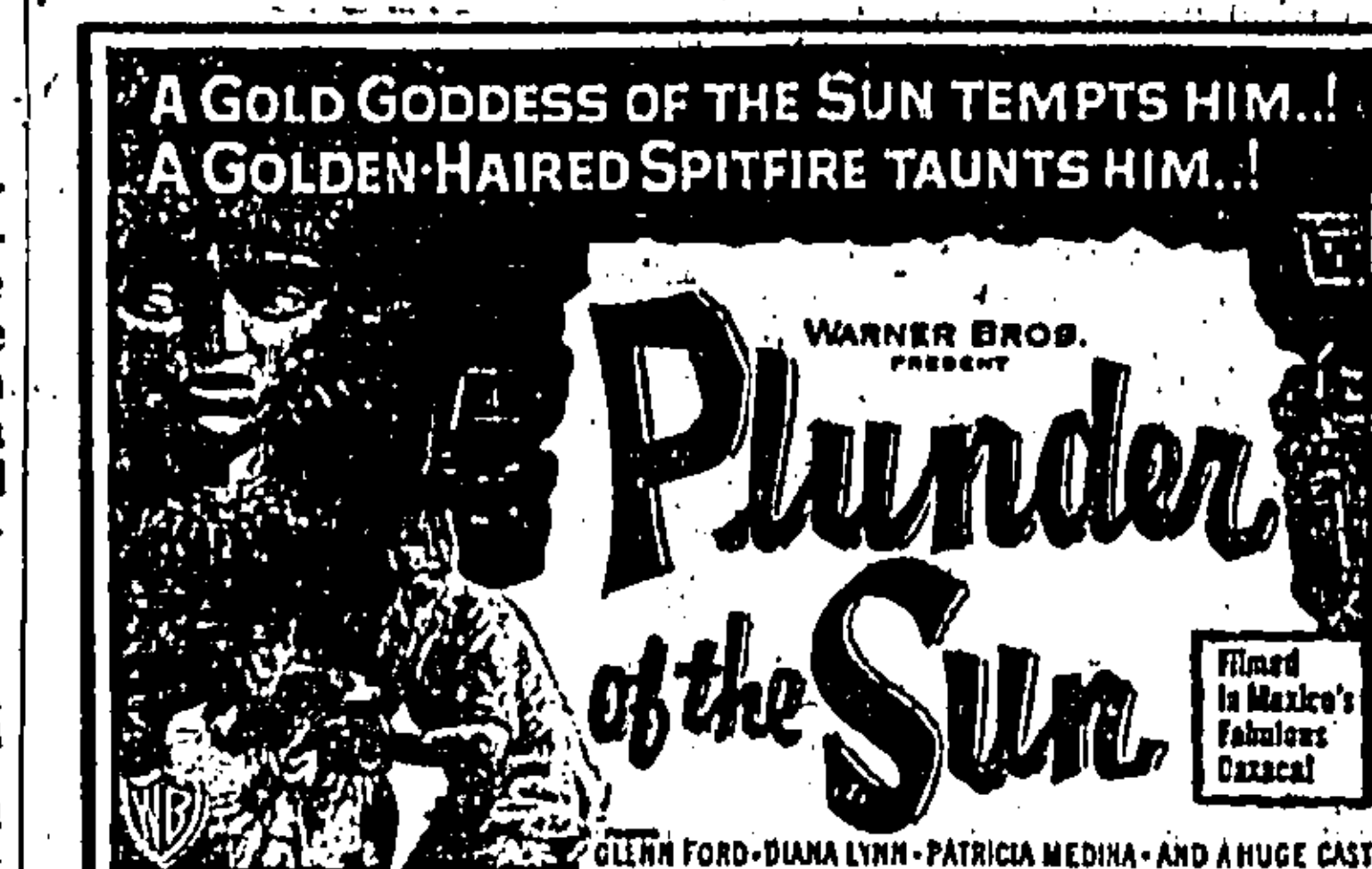
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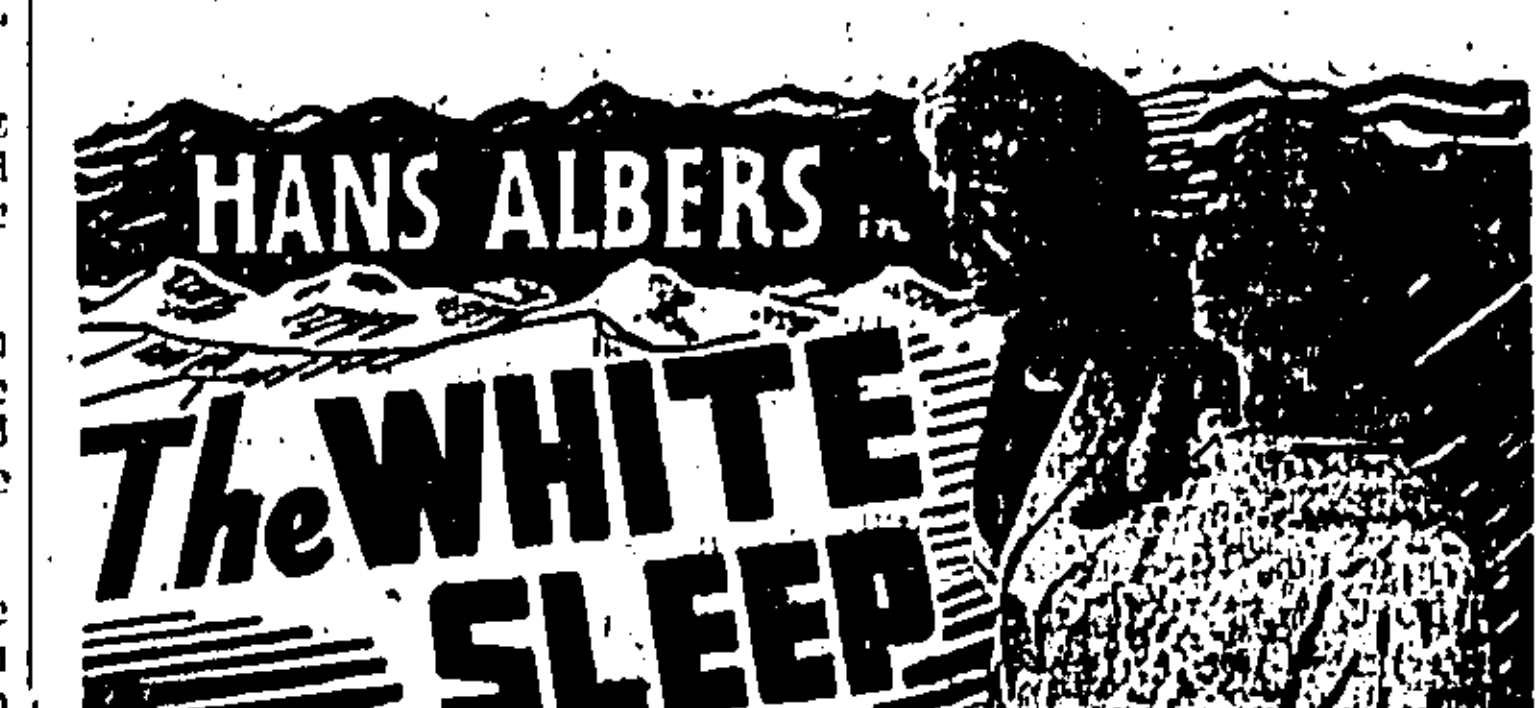
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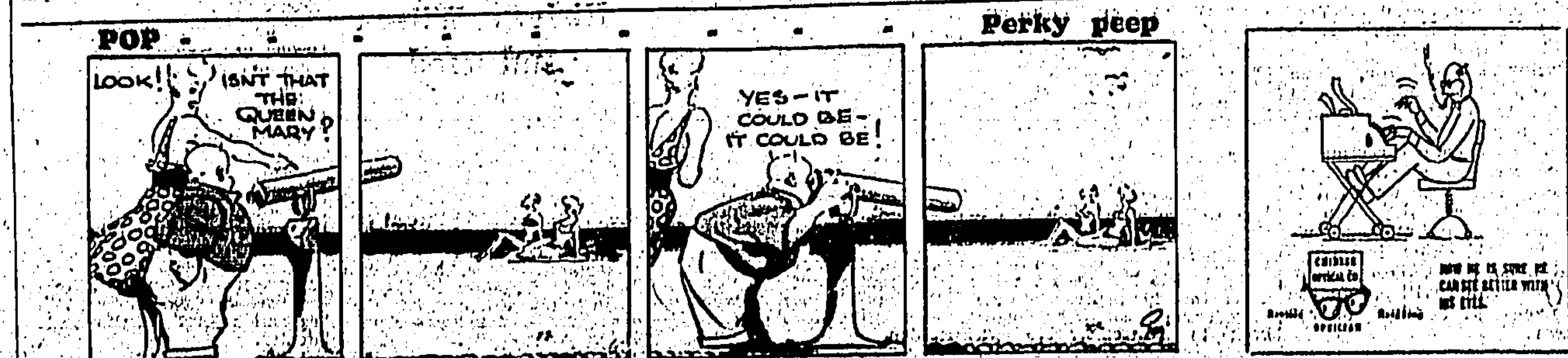
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# Compromise Suggested As Trieste Solution: Feeler By Dulles

Washington, Oct. 27.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today hinted at a possible compromise plan to overcome both Italian and Yugoslav difficulties about attending a five-power conference to settle the Trieste question.

## Graphic Border Exploit

Graz, Oct. 27.

The 34-year-old Hungarian refugee to cross into the British zone of Austria told a graphic story of his exploit to an Agence France-Presse correspondent today.

He is 24-year-old Laszlo Marothly, who is now under treatment in a hospital in Graz with his 20-year-old wife after sleeping on a mine near the frontier.

Marothly said he had previously crossed the iron curtain, but returned to fetch his young wife. They were about a dozen yards from the frontier when they took on a mine, which tore off his right foot and slightly injured his wife.

He gave a map of the region to his wife, and asked her to go to Austria for help. When she did not return, Marothly, despite his wounds, crawled to border, where he was found by Austrian customs men.

They took him to a hospital in the Soviet Zone. The hospital chief said that he would die if not taken immediately to the hospital at Graz for an operation. The Russians gave their consent, and Marothly found himself on free territory—France-Presse.

At present the three Western Powers, Italy and Yugoslavia are all in principle in favour of holding such a conference.

The conference, however, was held up because of Italian and Yugoslav differences over the time it should take place.

Italy insists that it should not be held until the United States and Britain have implemented their decision of October 8 to evacuate their troops from Zone A of Trieste and hand over that zone to the Italians.

The Italian contention is that only then will Italy be able to discuss the Trieste question from a position of "parity" with Yugoslavia, which already occupies and administers Zone B of Trieste.

Yugoslavia insists that the conference should take place before the October 8 decision has been implemented. Otherwise, the Yugoslavs contend, there is no point in having a conference since the partition of Trieste will have been carried out without Yugoslavia's consent.

Mr. Dulles today took up a position almost half way between the positions of the Italians and the Yugoslavs. He said the conference could take place neither before nor after the implementation of the Anglo-American decision of October 8, but in the course of it.

### WOULD TAKE TIME

He pointed out that it would take considerable time for the 7,000 American and British troops there to wind up their affairs and withdraw. He tactfully omitted any reference to the replacement of these troops by Italian forces and the

formal handing over of Zone A to the Italians.

If, as he appeared to think, it would take several weeks or months to carry out the evacuation, there would be plenty of time to hold a five-power conference.

Like most compromises Mr. Dulles' proposal has something in it for both sides, but also something which both sides may be expected to resist strenuously. Everything depends upon whether both sides are themselves willing to make compromises to bring about a temporary settlement of the Trieste question, which may in time lead to or become a peaceful and final settlement.

There was no indication in Mr. Dulles' remarks at his press conference today that Britain and the United States were retreating from their decision to evacuate Zone A, although Mr. Dulles refused to say whether the evacuation could be completed this year.

### U.S. ANXIETY

Mr. Dulles gave evidence of his anxiety that a conference should take place as soon as possible and his belief that it was not essential for the Italians to have completely taken over Zone A before the conference took place.

This position obviously pleases the Italians.

On the other hand, the Italians may be expected strongly to resist any discussion at the conference, which presupposes that the Administration of Zone A might not be handed over to them after the Anglo-American forces are evacuated.

And the Yugoslavs may be expected to resist any suggestion that the Trieste administration must be handed over to the Italians, or that the formal handing over take place before the conference has reached decisions.—China Mail Special.

### M.P. EXPELLED

Trieste, Oct. 27. The Allied Military Government today expelled "for reasons of public order" an Italian Neo-Fascist Member of Parliament who had wanted to hold a press conference.

The expelled deputy is Fabio de Felice, 27, one of two Neo-Fascist demonstrators who were injured here in a bomb explosion in March last year.

Signor de Felice had planned to meet pressmen in a local hotel this evening. When the journalists arrived, a spokesman for the deputy said he had been expelled.

Allied Military Government officials would make no immediate comment on the matter.—Reuter.

## New Catholic Bishop In Poland

London, Oct. 27. Warsaw Radio reported tonight that a new Roman Catholic Bishop was enthroned in Wloclawek (Central Poland) last Sunday.

The new Bishop, Professor Antoni Pawlowski, was nominated by the Holy See and approved by the Polish Government. Warsaw Radio added.—Reuter.

## Passing Of A Paradise

Hughtown, Solly Isles, Oct. 27. The first income tax inspectors in the history of the Solly Isles landed here today—and the once tax-free islanders mourned the passing of their paradise.

An aeroplane brought the revenue men from the mainland to Hughtown in the Solly Isles, off southwest England. Their coming followed the insertion of a clause in the last British budget putting an end to the islanders' simple taxless life.

The tax inspectors held a meeting this morning promising the islanders that they would do their best to help them get the full allowances to which they were entitled, and advising them to keep books of some sort so that a correct assessment could be made.

One islander commented: "I've got to keep accounts for the first time in my life." The Solly Isles had escaped income tax "owing to defective assessment machinery," the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, explained last April.—China Mail Special.

## RAF Demonstrates British Version Of The Napalm Bomb

London, Oct. 27.

A new British weapon, derived directly from the napalm bomb in Korea, was demonstrated today during NATO air manoeuvres at the Senneberger proving grounds near Paderborn in West Germany, it was announced here.

Four of the bombs were dropped by the Royal Air Force on a target of 200 square metres.

A huge cloud of fire, 50 metres high, followed the bursting of each bomb and everything within 200 metres was destroyed by fire.

Britain is also making great strides in her guided rocket programme, it was revealed today.

The Minister of Supply, Mr. Duncan Sandys, said that the guided rocket programme at the Woomera proving grounds in Australia would continue to receive high priority from both the British and Australian Governments.

Answering Labour M.P. Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, in the House of Commons, Mr. Sandys said: "The primary purpose of my recent visit to Australia was to review with the Australian Government the scheme for the development of guided rockets which is being jointly undertaken by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and Australia."

**FINEST IN WORLD**  
Mr. Sandys added that the Woomera research and testing centre had become "the finest weapon testing ground in the world" and that both Governments had agreed that this "important defence project" should be treated as a joint enterprise.

Within the space of a few years, said Mr. Sandys, the Australian authorities had, in an almost uninhabited area, created extensive weapon-trial installations and a comprehensive organisation to operate them.

This organisation, he added, included assembly shops, launching gear, observation posts, electronic control instruments and other highly scientific equipment. Airfields and hangars capable of receiving the largest types of modern bombers had also been constructed, he revealed.—France-Presse.

## REFUSAL BY DULLES

Washington, Oct. 27.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, declined today to say how or on what terms the United States economic aid to Israel would be restored.

Mr. Dulles, asked at his press conference about conditions under which the aid would be resumed, declined to reply directly on the grounds that no definite decision on economic aid to Israel had been made from funds voted this year by Congress.

He did not want to discuss the Israel situation because it was being debated before the United Nations Security Council.—Reuter.

## Musician's Record

Lisbon, Oct. 27. Silvino de Silva, 25, played the Portuguese guitar 10 hours without stopping, to set a new record, in the lobby of a Nazare tourist hotel.—United Press.

## 100,000 Alcoholics In Britain

London, Oct. 28.

Britain has 100,000 chronic alcoholics and 400,000 excessive drinkers, stated a doctor in today's issue of the Family Doctor, a popular medical monthly.

He said there were enough alcoholics in the country to handicap its capacity to survive as a first-class nation because of their illness and loss of productivity.

But the problem here is less than in the United States where the percentage of alcoholics is three and a half times as high, he added. And in France, Chile and Switzerland it is well over five times as high.

"We have avoided the dangers and stupidities of complete prohibition," commented the doctor writing under the name of G.K. Selborne.

"Yet in a matter of less than 50 years, we no longer see mothers who are suckling babies drinking themselves silly, or working men who spend most of their wages in drink while their families live on charity."

What makes a drunk? Dr. Selborne pinned the answer down to two sets of influences:

1. He is a man with a problem, and  
2. He has prescribed for his own trouble and the answer is alcohol.

It could just as well be opium or marijuana, or aspirin or phenobarbitone, or chocolate pills," the doctor added.

And the treatment? Essentially you must first get both the craving—and the alcohol—out of his system. Then you must build him up.—China Mail Special.

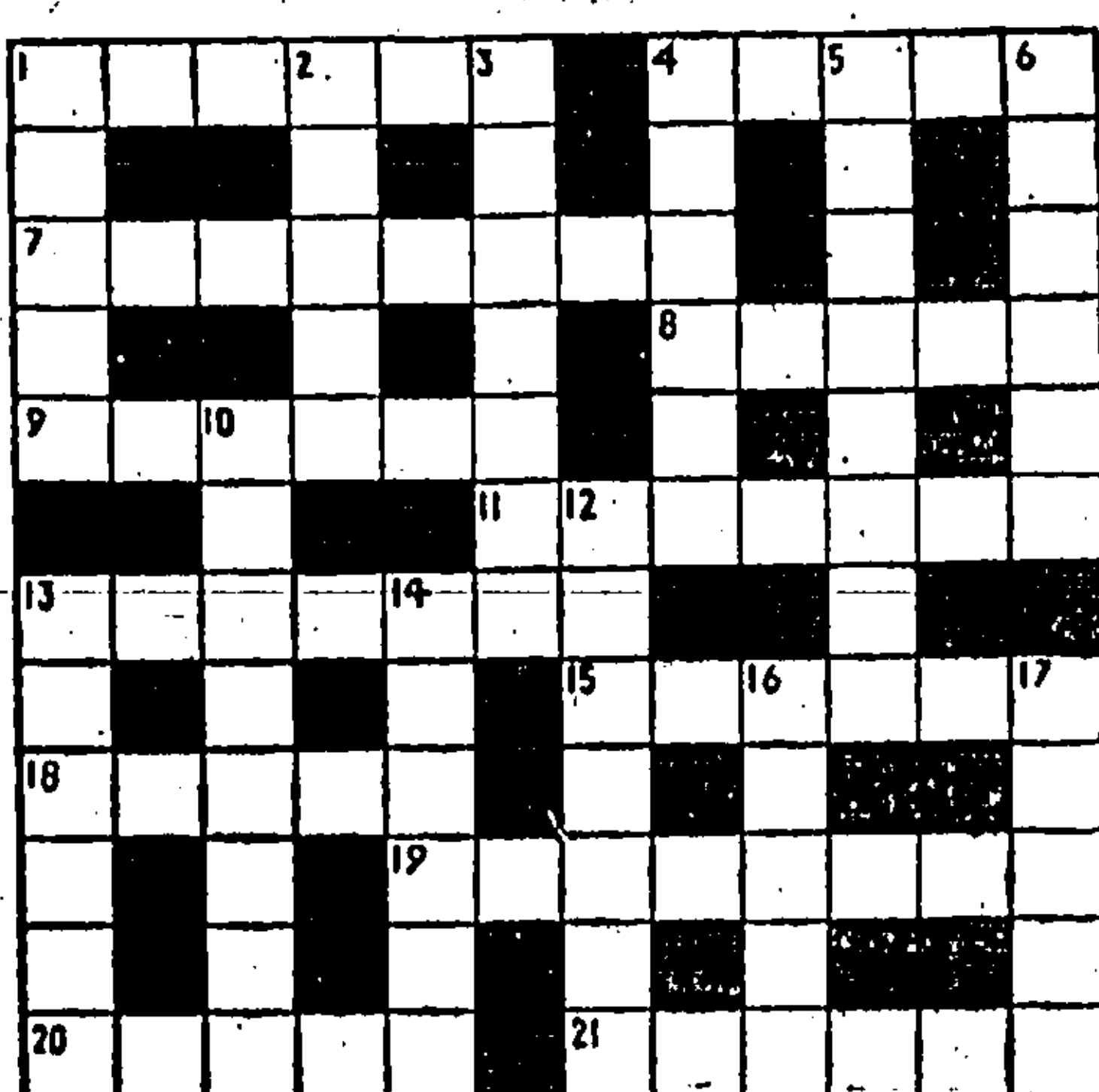
## NEW CONCORDAT RATIFIED

Vatican City, Oct. 27.

The Holy See and Spain today ratified the Concordat signed by them two months ago, replacing the 1951 Concordat signed by the Spanish Republic in 1931.

The preamble of the new Concordat said it was intended to regulate relations of the two parties "in conformity with the law of God and the Catholic tradition of the Spanish nation."—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Very hot (6).
- 2 Marriages (5).
- 3 From blame (8).
- 4 Measure of purity of gold (5).
- 5 Stringed instrument (6).
- 6 Syrup (7).
- 7 Different (7).
- 8 Ciceronian (6).
- 9 Attack (5).
- 10 Geometrical figure (8).
- 11 Scorch (5).
- 12 Drowsy (6).

### DOWN

- 1 Noise of plucked strings (5).
- 2 Perch (5).
- 3 Amuses (7).
- 4 Part of the body (6).
- 5 Raised walks (8).
- 6 Hurry (6).
- 7 Enrichment (8).
- 8 Mends (7).
- 9 Sags (6).
- 10 Baby's toy (6).
- 11 Wash out (5).
- 12 Poor (5).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 1 Oslo, 4 Rattles, 8 Feet, 9 Huff, 10 Borders, 11 Erin, 12 Sown, 14 Decrees, 17 Trade, 18 Haste, 22 Munages, 28 Lead, 29 Pen, 28 Stagger, 29 Urge, 30 Avid, 31 Prelate, 32 Ewer. Down: 2 Stupor, 3 Offend, 4 Rabid, 5 Atones, 6 Tudor, 7 Erie, 12 Stem, 13 Wain, 15 Eagle, 16 Shed, 18 Repeat, 20 Allude, 21 Tangle, 23 Actor, 24 Angel, 25 Scree.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

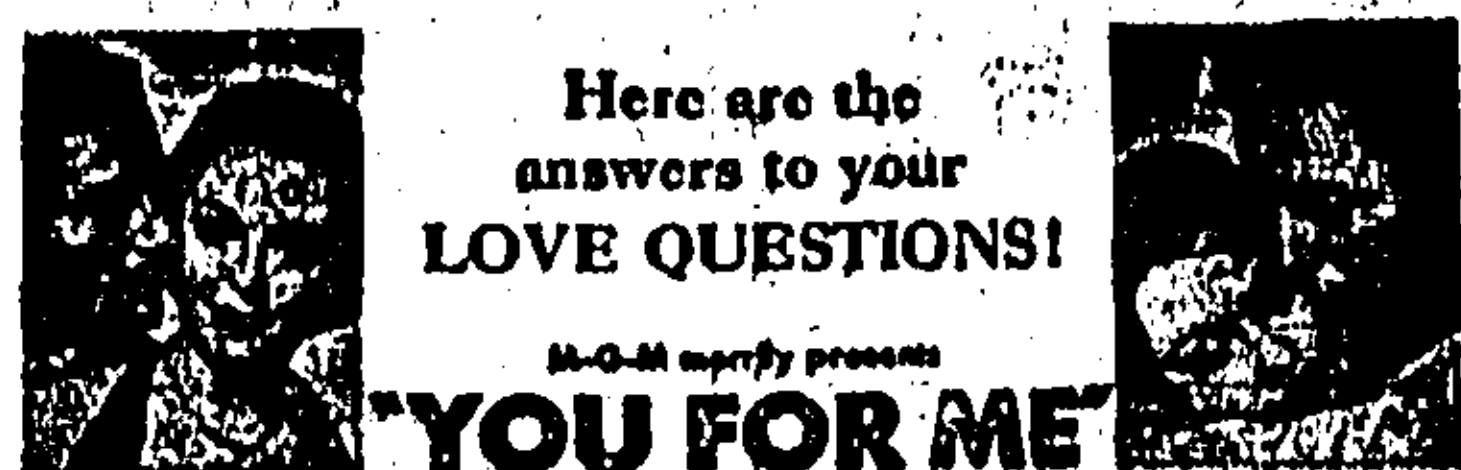
ISAAC STERN, like SOLOMON, has been creating a sensation in Japan. He is one of the world's greatest violinists. Four weeks ago it came to my knowledge that he was visiting Japan and would come through Hongkong on his way to Europe. From then on I tried to contact him through New York and Japan but with no success. To cut a long story short, my efforts only bore fruit yesterday, when Isaac Stern himself spoke to me on the telephone from Tokyo and promised me he would give a recital during the 48 hours he will be here. My explanations are necessary for music lovers who might be bewildered at this short notice. Isaac Stern will give one recital at the EMPIRE THEATRE on Wednesday, 4th November, 1953, at 6 p.m. Admission prices are \$20, \$15 and \$10. Booking commences to-morrow at the EMPIRE THEATRE and their Town Booking Office, Shell House (side lane).

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## Hongkong's Magazine for Women

"I know just how you feel—having to talk nice to 'em. I'm a butcher."

More directly, when Przeworski talks about "imperialist wars" and "mongering Fascist pigs" the intent is surely to convey nothing rather more than a rational analysis of the simple word would suggest.

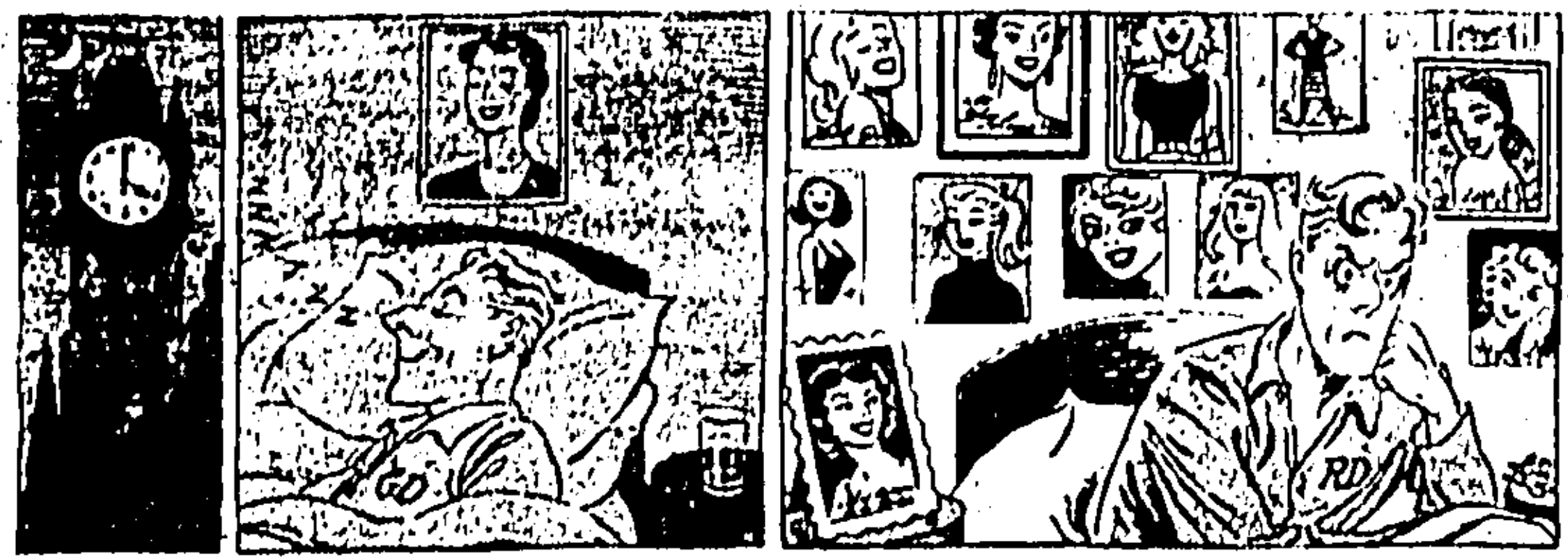
All in all, the men behind the sign on Gowanus Street have a busy time ahead.

**POCKET CARTOON**  
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Darling, it was too sad—I was followed by strange men for simply hours, and at the end of it all it turned out he thought there was just a chance I might be Mrs. Maclean!"





## • BY THE WAY •

by Beachcomber

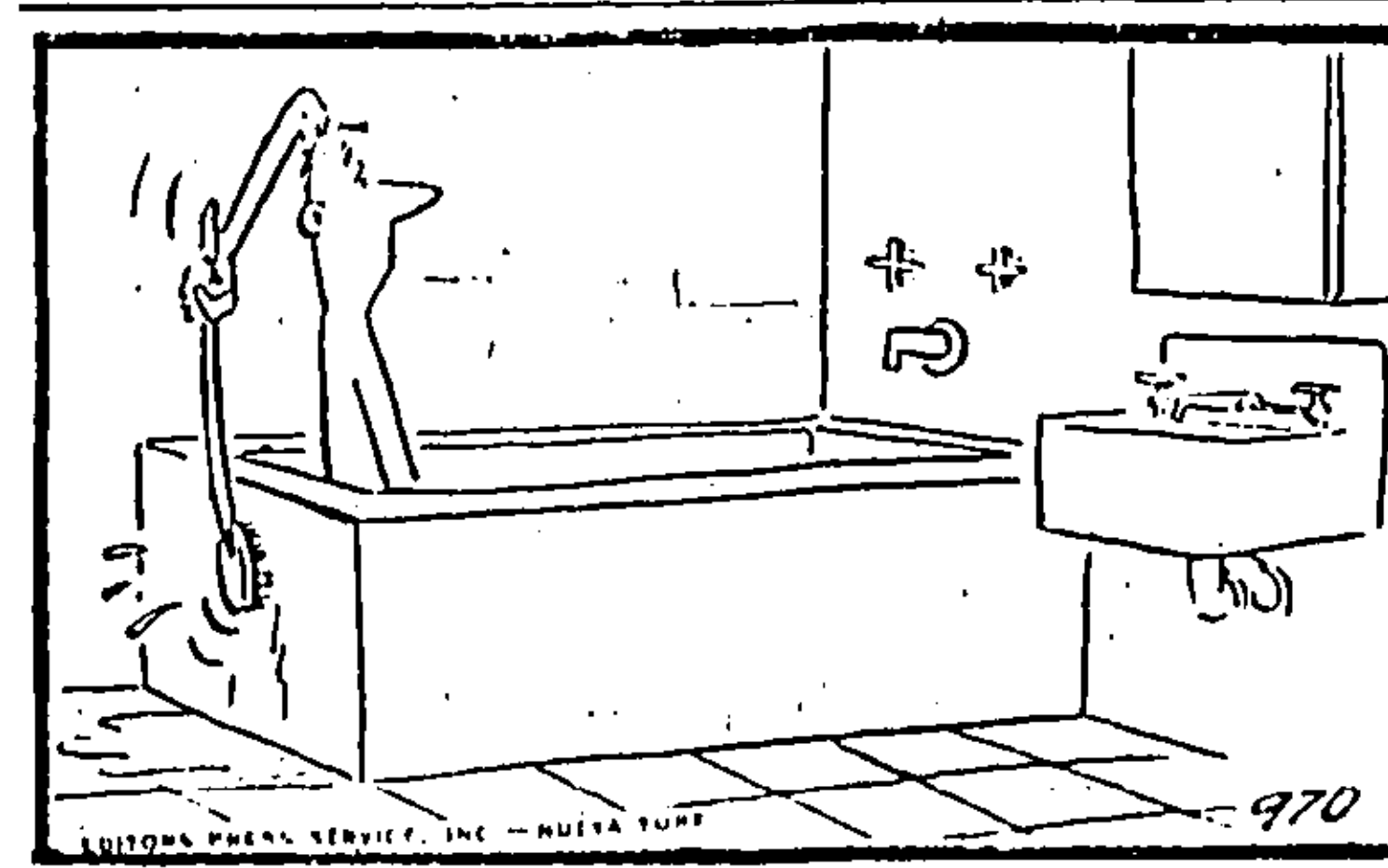
LITTLE did I think, in the days when the Pyrenees were my playground, that I should live to see my Andorra involved in a row about a radio station.

I used to say, in my innocence, that here was a corner of the world which would not change. But I later saw the beginnings of change, and since then the reports of travellers have killed in me any wish to go back. I prefer to shut my eyes, and to see high, lonely Soudra as it was, and hear the cascades, the mule-bells, the jangling at dawn, as they did when Europe was my oyster, and Andorra the pearl within it.

**Song**  
Actresses are not so mercenary as people pretend. (Gallant apology.)

ONCE wrote a song about this:  
An Earl he was wooing an actress  
In a restaurant discreet;  
There was a lady named Elaine  
Who was a very good friend.

But that Earl hung his head in confusion  
"Babe," he murmured, "I'm broke  
To the wide."  
Then that actress sprang up like a cobra  
And in loud, ringing accents she cried:



## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

BORN today, you will have one of those exciting, eventful lives which seem to be adventure-packed. Just how much fame, and fortune will be yours is a moot question, for you don't care too much about making a fortune or "succeeding" as the world calls it. All you want to be is busy at something you enjoy doing. You "have fun" out of life. You are ready at the drop of the hat to go out and enjoy yourselves if they look as if they might be leading you somewhere interesting.

If you have obligations to a home and family, this can be most distressing to your marriage partner. Unless it is someone who is as easy-going and carefree as you are, yourself. Even so, there will be times when it will be rugged unless you learn to settle down a little. You are not one to enjoy working for someone else. Yet, on the other hand, you don't have enough practical common sense to run a business of your own at a profit. Perhaps your marriage mate will supply the practical share in the partnership. If so, then you can plan to go anywhere.

A born salesman, just be sure that you don't meet a smarter salesman.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If an important matter needs to be settled on the home front, be practical and very wise about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you are one who is easily upset, you because you are so good-natured, take care today!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If a friend needs help, and encouragement, be friendly and help. Even Polyanthus-like, it will help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Pay back your social obligations today. This is an excellent time to do it. This evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you keep on trying, you may find that a life's ambition is not too far off. You're within reach.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Discard outmoded methods and ideas. Being modern is also being progressive and you should advance faster.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—This is a day for love and romance. If marriage is in the picture, it could be a fine day for a wedding.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Always do a good job, even an appreciation is slow in coming. You will eventually win proper recognition.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Perseverance never pays. A happy attitude is much more likely to get you what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Be warned against opposition. If there are those who are trying to antagonize you, then attempt to placate them.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Try to hold your temper. To say the wrong thing today, could upset the applecart. Be diplomatic.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Better for you not to say anything than to criticize just now. Try to find something good to praise, instead!

**DUMB-BELLS**  
HAVEN'T YOU SOME SPECIAL TALENT OR TASTE, SOME THING BENT AS THEY SAY?

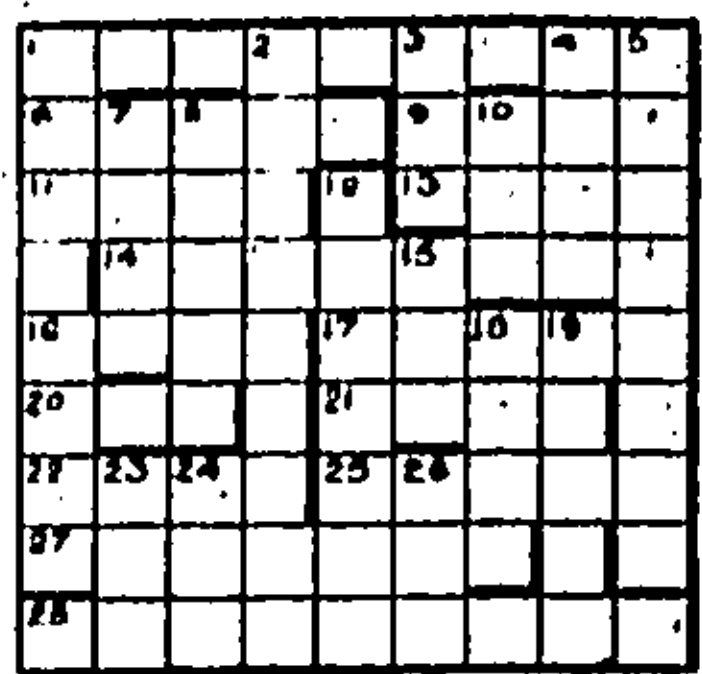


Refrain:  
It's not you but your money I want!  
No wonder you shuffle and fidget!  
But one final word,  
My old early bird,  
You're not early enough for this world!

**In passing**  
A FEW months of research, and litigation involving architects, lawyers, and planners, a man is to be allowed clear glass instead of frosted glass for his show-room window. I would like to have heard the case for frosted glass. Doubtless some extremist even suggested iron shutters, in order to make it even more impossible for people to see what was in the show-room. The cost of the inquiry should be borne by the British Council, because, translated into Hungarian, the proceedings would have an educational and cultural value at least equal to the studies from Henry James which were so popular in North Borneo.

**Another conquest**  
"WELL, so early, Daphne? Here come the drinks."  
"Yes, Ted, but I heard you order, and I had expected Champagne."  
"Well, try this."  
"Why, Ted, it is Champagne, surely—and the very best!"  
"Guess again. It's Sibilool."  
"Well, from now on, Champagne's out. Give me Sibilool every time!"

## CROSSWORD

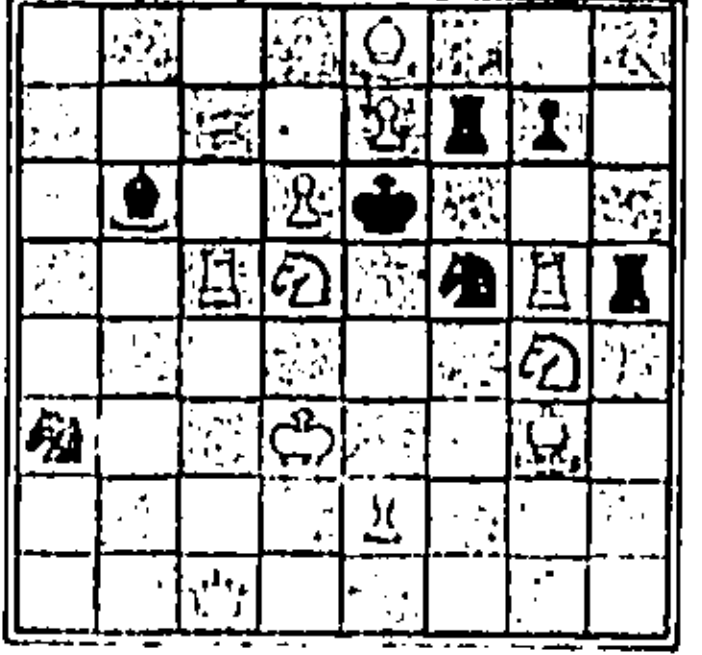


Across  
1. Political gathering on a shared phone? (5, 4)  
2. Level for a young col. (5)  
3. An edge for a little cough. (4)  
4. Look on your watch for it. (4)  
5. Father in an engineer. (4)  
6. Acromioclavicular mixed up with the root. (8)  
7. Just the girl to go for a sail. (5)  
8. Edward, abroad out to dry? (3)  
9. Lops curved just a little. (4)  
10. Above the tenor. (4)  
11. Am in the middle of 30 Across.  
12. This doesn't mean that there are right cuts to some. (7)  
13. On 2 Down? Then here your number's up! (9)  
14. Down  
1. Lead post (sarg.). (8)  
2. Thousands of this kind of link in 28 Across. (9)  
3. Here find a crooked mountain or a backward friend. (3)  
4. Just a fiddler. (4)  
5. Mad reels go to make them. (8)  
6. Bookies may read it on. (4)  
7. Five paid differently. (5)  
8. Without this on high command land is miles from Leeds. (3)  
9. Lops about. (4)  
10. Pail without the gender. (3)  
11. Grave for TV. (4)  
12. Star of the night. (7)  
13. Honolulu decoration. (8)  
14. This bill is said to have a form of civilization. (3)

**SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**

## CHESS PROBLEM

By T. ANDERSSON  
Black, 7 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. K-R5; threat 2. K-Kt6. 1... P-QR6; 2. Kt-B5; 1... Kt-Q6; 2. Kt-Q5.

## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE •

Lead Important In Face Cards

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S usually a poor idea to lead an unsupported queen or jack. Such a lead sometimes gives declarer a trick that he could win in no other way, and sometimes sacrifices a trick that you would have won if you had simply held your fire.

From the point of view of theory, therefore, West's opening lead was a poor choice. Actually, a heart opening of some kind represented the only defensive hope. It was vital for East to win the first trick with the ace of hearts and return a diamond, if he done so, the declarer would have settled off his heart and three diamonds to defeat the contract.

When West opened the queen of hearts, South could see the danger very clearly. He was mightily tempted to cover the opening lead with dummy's king of hearts, since that would surely set up dummy's ten of hearts. He resisted this temptation, however, fearing that East might be inspired enough to switch to diamonds.

When dummy played a low heart at the first trick, East could not tell that the winning play was to put up the ace of hearts. For all he could tell, South might be void of hearts. If South had a single heart, it was vital to hold off in the hope that West could lead diamonds safely from his own side.

Rightly or wrongly, East played a low heart, and now South was home. Since East could not gain the lead, South could easily get in to draw three rounds of trumps, after which his long clubs would enable him to discard diamonds from this dummy. South actually succeeded in winning 11 tricks, which was two more than he could have won if he had played the king of hearts at the first trick.

## WOMANSENSE

## "ZIP" is the word!

By Betty Wilson

London.  
WHY do you look twice at the girl in the picture?

If you can tell me the answer to that, you have the answer to the question I have been pondering since I got back from Paris.

What have Frenchwomen got that most Englishwomen lack? I can tell you in one word: It's ZIP. It is the glow that gives the Parisienne a quality possessed by no other woman in the world.

I asked a Frenchman to define it. He has spent the last 25 years styling women's hair in London, and he put down the Frenchwoman's zip to courage. "The courage to be a woman."

It's partly presentation—partly the conviction that being a woman is the most agreeable thing in the world.

Even quite plain girls in Paris seem to be born with this feeling. It is built up by the Frenchman's custom of accompanying his wife to the dressmaker's of sitting through her fittings in the role of constructive critic... of picking her up at her hair-dresser's just in time to give a final word of approval.

### Her Passionate Belief

A Paris mannequin can sweep into dress salons breathing the passionate belief that she and her dress are both beautiful and desirable.

The London mannequin is often much more beautiful, but somehow she doesn't look as if she feels beautiful. There's no passionate conviction in her movements or smile.

With two or three exceptions, the average mannequin in London walks badly, carries herself badly and shows well-bred dresses in an indifferent well-bred way, which, according to Paris standards, just isn't any way at all.

Watch the way Alla's personality goes through when she is showing Christian Dior's new collection. Watch the seductive "little woman" look she adopts when she is wearing a clinging, ground-length, amber velvet dress; then see how easily she slides into quick dancer's movements when she has changed into one of the Dior swaying, cupola-skirted numbers.

The same quality shows when Pierre Balmain's mannequins let a £5,000 mink coat drop from their shoulders on to the ground, or drag rather—£5,000-worth-of-jewel-embroidered fur along by a



asleep as they concentrate on showing the dress beneath.

It's also wonderful salesman-ship. Casual treatment like that makes every woman think that just one mink coat isn't really enough.

You recognise the Paris Zip when you learn that one of the plainest women in Paris is a mannequin with more sales to her credit than any other girl in the house.

### Another Plain Woman

Or when another plain woman goes to Maxim's wearing a wide-brimmed hat with a low-cut dinner-dress which hardly shows above the table at all.

The word "pretty" isn't in her vocabulary. Most Paris

## Beauty Rules For Your Little Girl

By HELEN FOLLETT

If you are a mother of a small daughter, next time you're at a cosmetic counter, pause and consider the display of toiletries for little girls.

It's your duty to direct your daughter along the right beauty way. The care she receives may have much to do with her appearance later in life. Also, she will learn to be fastidious in her appearance, which means cleanliness of complexion, hair, hands, fingernails and body.

At the age of ten, a little girl should be able to look after her toilette. The child who doesn't care if her face is dirty, her hair tousled, who leaves her clothes lying on the floor, is likely to develop into an untidy woman and a slovenly wife. Neatness and order should be instilled in young minds, boys' as well as girls'.

### A Jar of Cold Cream

Give the little girl a nail white pencil and she will think it's fun to pass it under her fingertips, watching the white lines form. Select soap that interests her and she won't balk at the daily bath. She should have a jar of cold cream to use in the summer-time after exposure to strong sunlight and in the winter season when her skin is chapped. She will enjoy using a lotion to keep her hands soft.

Watch your child's posture. Baby doctors are keen on that subject. Erect carriage means better functioning of the internal organs.

See that the child gets nine hours' sleep every night, no matter how loudly she protests. The strict and stern of these subjects.

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## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Pan Is A Natural Musician

—When He Plays his Pipes, The Animals Dance!—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, heard the whistling. Then they ran down the hill from the house as fast as they could go, until they finally reached the clump of trees near the edge of the pond from which the sound of the whistling was coming.

It was just as they thought. Their friend Pan was sitting on a rock with his legs tucked under him, blowing a merry tune on his reed pipes. "Dance!" the music seemed to say. "Dance... dance!"

### Music Stopped

They almost felt like dancing themselves. They could scarcely keep their feet from moving. But suddenly the music broke off.

"Hanid!" said Pan to them. "Knarf and Hanid, greet him. 'Your music makes us feel like dancing,' Hanid said."

Pan had big, round, black eyes, curly hair, pointed furry ears, and his feet were like the hoofs of a goat. He smiled at Hanid.

"Of course you wanted to dance," he said. "When I blow on my pipes, everyone wants to dance. Only the dance isn't for you," he added with a wink and a smile.

"For whom is it, then?" asked Knarf. "Just watch the top of the water and you'll see," Pan answered, as once more he put the reeds to his lips and blew on them.

Knarf and Hanid watched the water of the pond. At first, as the whistling notes came out of the reeds, nothing seemed to happen. But a moment later, a dozen whirligigs came out from behind the cattails and

trises that grew along the edge of the pond and began whirling round and round over the top of the water, just as though they were skating on it.

### Frogs Leap in Air

Then from a dozen places along the edge of the pond, the frogs leapt into the air and plopped with a splash in the water.

Then the dragonflies came flying over, two by two, their wings the colours of the rainbow. Round and round the pond they buzzed.

Then the fishes in the pond—the sun fishes, the dace and the bass—slipped their tails above the water and sent the ripples dancing in all directions.

All this kept up as long as Pan kept blowing on his reeds. But when the song came to an end, the whirligigs scurried off to their hiding places again, the frogs clumped back on their reeds, the dragonflies buzzed off into the woods, and the fishes swam quietly off.

### Rupert and Ozzie—40



Seeing that Dinkie is so tired Rupert moves off. "Well, I'll show you." Leading the way back for a short distance he pauses beside a bush with thick leaves and there, in the rough weeds, Rupert sees the precious ball.



"So, I saw it as I came through the bush. Well, I'll show you." Leading the way back for a short distance he pauses beside a bush with thick leaves and there, in the rough weeds, Rupert sees the precious ball.

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## KEEPING WORLD GUESSING

### Churchill Plan For Moscow Trip

London, Oct. 27. The unpredictable Sir Winston Churchill will probably keep the world guessing about whether he intends a lone "Save the Peace" flight to Moscow—at least until he sees if Russia will attend a Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference, diplomatic sources said.

There was no confirmation of a report that the 78-year-old statesman had abandoned his reported intention of making a personal approach to M. Georgi Malenkov, the Soviet Premier, if he could not arrange a conference of world leaders.

Only last week the Prime Minister himself declined in the House of Commons to deny widespread reports that he would fly to Moscow in an attempt to sound out the Kremlin on its foreign policy.

It is true that he also refused to confirm the reports. But they came from a variety of high-placed people recently in personal contact with the Prime Minister.

**NOT PUT OFF**  
The last, published by the Daily Telegraph, the Government's biggest supporter, came after the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' conference in London last week.

At that meeting Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, told his American and French colleagues, Mr. John Foster Dulles and M. Georges Bidault, that Sir Winston Churchill was still determined to try to arrange a top-level meeting between himself, President Eisenhower, Mr. Joseph Laniel, the French Prime Minister, and M. Malenkov.

His insistence that this might do good—and would do little harm—was unaffected by the apparent coolness of Moscow to the idea, by the American and French dislike of the proposal, and by the statesman's own health.

The Western Powers are now awaiting a reply from Moscow to their invitation to M. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, to a meeting on the German and Austrian problem at the lakeside resort of Lugano, Switzerland, on November 9. China Mail Special.

## Professor's Theory On Cancer

Copenhagen, Oct. 27. People who have smoked more than five cigarettes a day over a period of 20 years are liable to get lung cancer, according to Scandinavian lung and cancer specialists meeting in Copenhagen.

Professor P. N. Bonnevie of Denmark said men were the main victims of the disease because women have not been heavy smokers for so long.

He predicted that in 15 to 20 years' time there would be as many women sufferers as men.

Professor E. S. Dervin of Sweden said smoking caused inflammation but not necessarily cancer.

Another specialist, Professor Engelbrecht of Denmark, said that laboratory tests with a "smoking machine" showed that 4,000 cigarettes produced about one and a half ounces of tar which was conducive to cancer. China Mail Special.

## North Atlantic Getting Colder

Copenhagen, Oct. 27. Dr. Paul M. Hansen, of the Greenland Fishery Research Board, reported that the North Atlantic is getting colder again.

He told the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea that between 20 and 30 years ago the sea became warmer and moved further north to breed.

Trawlers found it worth their while to move away from Iceland and fish along the Greenland coast.

But the temperature is now dropping and Dr. Hansen believed it would seriously upset the cod fisheries. China Mail Special.

## Napoleon's Guitar Sold At Auction

Sydney, Oct. 27. A guitar which Napoleon used to while away his exile on St. Helena was sold at auction in Sydney for £A105 (£84 sterling).

A Melbourne Napoleonic collector bought the instrument, which is inlaid with ivory and mother of pearl, and which has a cedar case. China Mail Special.

## Jimmy Edwards And His Fiancee



Jimmy Edwards, of "Take-It-From-Here" fame, photographed with his fiancee, 21-year-old Anne Michelle Carey-Gibbs. Their engagement was announced on Oct. 10 and they plan to marry in the New Year. They met at a party the night before the Coronation. Central Press Photo.

## Longest Bridge In The World Planned By Sicily

Palermo, Oct. 27.

Sicilians are pinning their hopes for a more prosperous future on something they have discussed for 70 years but always considered a pipe-dream—a bridge to link their impoverished island with the Italian mainland.

A bridge across the treacherous Straits of Messina, which divide the north-eastern tip of the island from the toe of the Italian "boot," has been advocated for years by a succession of Sicilian politicians. It has even reached the blueprint stage at least 15 times since 1887.

So far, the impracticability of the plan or inability to meet the enormous cost has always abruptly awakened the dreamers.

But today, the idea of a bridge between Sicily and Italy is beginning to progress beyond the talking stage.

A Lithuanian-born, American-naturalized engineer, Mr. David D. Steinman, has submitted a project which convinced Italian engineers have declared feasible and economists believe to be financially possible.

Supporters of the bridge met recently at Messina, on the north-eastern tip of Sicily, to discuss the scheme in general and Steinman's blueprints in particular.

They knew that a bridge across the Straits has always presented considerable, and so far insuperable, difficulties.

The Straits of Messina are three kilometers (1,864 miles) wide, with a narrowest point of 3,000 meters (9,840 feet) and a maximum depth of 1,000 meters (3,280 feet). Their great depth remains largely unexplored. The Tyrrhenian Sea gorges through into the Ionian Sea, forming currents and whirlpools which were notorious even in the days of the Ancient Greeks.

**LONGEST IN WORLD**  
Mr. Steinman's project envisages a suspension bridge which would be the longest of its kind in the world.

Two reinforced concrete and steel piers over 400 metres (1,312 feet) high would be sunk to a depth of about 90 metres (294 feet) into the seabed, some 750 metres (2,460 feet) from either coast, where the Straits are relatively shallow.

The bridge would be suspended for 1,500 metres (4,920 feet) between these piers.

From end to end, the bridge would measure just over 3,000 metres and rank among the world's longest, suspended or otherwise.

Only three bridges, in fact, would be longer: the lower Zambesi, in Africa, which crosses a 3,451-metre (11,323-foot) waterway, the Storörsfjärden, in Denmark (3,200 metres or 10,500 feet), and the Tay Bridge, in Scotland (3,130 metres or 10,269 feet).

**TWO LEVELS**  
The Messina Bridge would be longer than such famous bridges as that over the Firth of Forth in Scotland, over the Rio Salado in Argentina, and the Golden Gate at San Francisco.

At its lowest point, the bridge would be some 70 metres (220 feet) above sea level, allowing easy passage for even the largest ships.

The estimated cost of Mr. Steinman's project is £2,500,000 (£2,500,000 sterling). Nobody has so far estimated how long it would take to build the bridge.

Mr. Steinman's project provides for two levels, the lower for railway traffic, and the

upper for road and pedestrian traffic.

The two-day Messina meeting broke up with an enthusiastic, but vague, recommendation that "this great work be put in hand."

The semi-autonomous regional Parliament of Sicily agreed to take the first steps towards its achievement—steps such as testing the sea bottom at the recommended distance from either shore to see whether it is firm enough to hold the piers and persuading the Italian Government to contribute 60 per cent of the cost and private capital the rest.

## Shipyard Workers Are Among Best-Paid Labour In Britain

London.

As had been expected, the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation has rejected the claim of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions for a 15 per cent wage increase for some 250,000 shipyard men. The union leaders, after considering the employers' reply, indicated that they would seek a further meeting with them.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that a Ministry of Labour investigation has revealed that shipbuilding workers are generally better paid than those in other UK industries. The investigation covered about 6,500,000 workers and concerned the first week of April this year.

It showed that men of over 21 in the shipbuilding and engineering industries were earning an average wage of 20s. 5d per week, including overtime and bonuses, while all workers in the sector were earning an average of 19s. 11d and 19s. 8d respectively.

Figures for the marine engineering industry were 19s. 8d and 19s. 7d respectively, and for all manufacturing industries 19s. 11d and 19s. 8d respectively.

Since the introduction of the 44-hour week in March 1947, the average wage for men of 21 years old and over in the shipbuilding and engineering industry has risen by around 43 per cent, a rise of some five per cent having been recorded in the six months October 1952/April 1953.

Further prominence has been given to the use of the gas turbine in marine propulsion with the publication of paper on the performance of the Auris gas turbine by the Marine Research and Development Department of the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company. This engine is 1,200 bhp open cycle non-reversible British Thomson-Houston turbine set. It was installed in the Auris two years ago on an experimental basis.

The paper states that there is nothing in the operation of the turbine which is beyond the capacity of the average ship engineer and that no reason why such installations should not be made continuously and efficiently on the longest voyages.

Compared with the diesel engine, for equal power output the turbine has the advantage in weight and should eventually have the edge on the former in fuel economy. The main advantage of the turbine, however, is likely to be its low maintenance cost. The running of the set at sea showed that the gas turbine is not affected mechanically by conditions likely to be encountered in any part of the world.

**WILL BE OVERCOME**  
Apart from defects in materials and workmanship, the life of the major parts—high pressure turbine blades—excluded of a conservatively estimated installation should not be less than the life of the ship. A life of not less than 10,000 working hours may be expected for the high-pressure blades if they are made of the best materials now available.

It is suggested that for contemplated gas turbine installations, the accent should be on simplicity of construction until more experience has been obtained. While distilled fuels give the best results, indications are that difficulties at present encountered with the burning of residual fuels will be overcome.

In a speech to the Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors, the Chairman of the North of England Shipowners' Association, Mr. P. D. Dolman, has highlighted the owners' difficulties in the face of high taxation and rising costs.

He said that from 1945 onwards, owners had enjoyed an almost unbroken spell of prosperity. Signs of a recession were seen about 1950, but with the outbreak of the Korean war, freight rates rocketed and while stock-piling was still taking place, they remained high.

But for over 12 months now, freight rates have receded and are now around pre-Korean levels.

In anything like pre-war conditions there would be no cause for concern, he said. But in the first place, operating costs were considerably higher than even two years ago—most disturbing of all—the incidence of taxation was compelling owners only partly to replace their fleets.

The British mercantile marine would rapidly dwindle in volume if nothing were done. Taxation was one of the main dangers to the shipowning industry.

## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Holland's Yards Booming

Rotterdam, Oct. 27.

Holland's post-war shipbuilding boom, which in the last two years has lifted her from sixth to fourth place, among the world's shipbuilding nations, shows no signs of slackening.

Only the United States, Britain and Germany send more ships down the shipways today than Holland.

As an exporter of ships this country leads the world.

Holland's 300 shipyards are now fully booked with orders up to 1956, for vessels ranging from big passenger lines down to little barges. Roughly half the shipyard now under construction goes for export. Last year, the industry brought in 375,000,000 guilders (about £27,000,000) in foreign currency out of the total turnover, including repair work, of about 800,000,000 guilders (£280,000,000).

Long hours, hard work and relatively low wages do much to ensure that prices remain competitive. Dutch shipyard workers do a 48-hour week, and strikes are almost unknown.

The Dutch shipyard worker enjoys a holiday bonus of one week's wage as well as his fortnight's holiday with pay. Many of the dockyards run a profit-sharing scheme under which the men share up to three per cent of their annual wage. Sick benefits amount to 90 per cent of the normal wage, and workers have a pension fund financed in equal shares by themselves and their employers.

Prefabricated parts are used on a fairly wide scale, particularly for superstructure. But traditional building methods are generally maintained, and Holland specialises in entering for the special needs of each customer rather than mass production.

### SPEED INDUCEMENT

Speed, both in shipbuilding and repair, is perhaps the biggest inducement which Dutch shipyards offer to the foreign owner. Efficiency and organisation are also claimed as important factors, while close inspection ensures high standards of material and workmanship.

One serious handicap to shipbuilding in the Netherlands is the lack of the home-produced materials. This has been eased, but only partly, by the opening of a new rolling mill at IJmuiden, which supplies the shipyards with steel plates. These had hitherto to be imported.

Altogether, taking dependent industries into account, nearly 250,000 people earn their living directly or indirectly from this great Dutch industry.

Of the 149 ships with a total of 450,000 gross registered tons which were building in the first half of this year, 22 were tankers totalling 210,101 tons.

At the end of last June, 75 ships totalling 304,251 tons were building for 10 countries, compared with 74 ships totalling only 140,432 tons for Dutch buyers. —Reuter.

**Expected To  
Earn Less**

Washington, Oct. 27. The total net income of American farmers at the end of the 1953 season is expected to be \$1,000,000,000 (£237,000,000) below last year, the United States Department of Agriculture announced today.

The Department said in a report reviewing the situation that the gross income of farmers would be about four per cent under 1952 but the total production expenses were down by about two per cent, leaving farmers with a net loss of about \$1,000,000,000 compared with last year.

It added that next year the net income of farmers should remain at the 1953 level but that the gross income might be a trifle lower than this year.

The report said this would probably be offset by further reduced expenses. China Mail Special.

**London Foreign  
Exchange**

	London, Oct. 27.
New York	2/8 3/4-2/9 1/2
Montreal	2/8 3/4-2/9 1/2
Amsterdam	10/23-10/23 1/2
Brussels	140 10-140 15
Geneva	10/23-10/23 1/2
Zurich	12/10-12/10 1/2
Copenhagen	12/10-12/10 1/2
Stockholm	14/23-14/24
Hamburg	11/20-11/20 1/2
Frankfurt	11/20-11/20 1/2
Blockaded Mark	15/7-15/7 1/2

**JAPANESE BONDS**

	London, Oct. 27.
Japanese bonds	62
100 (4% of 1950)	71 1/2
100 (4% of 1951)	133 1/2
100 (4% of 1952)	101 1/2
100 (4% of 1953)	100
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100 (4% of 1955)	100
100 (4% of 1956)	100
100 (4% of 1957)	100
100 (4% of 1958)	100
100 (4% of 1959)	100
100 (4% of 1960)	100

**N.Y. Cotton Prices**

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## King Case: Prosecution's "Impossible Task"

It was Mr d'Almada's impossible task of showing that the inferences he (Mr M. A. da Silva) had raised at an earlier hearing were improbable inferences before he could succeed in the Prosecution against J. J. O. King (the former Manager of G. Falconer and Co., Ltd. of Union Building), who is charged with fraudulent conversion, Mr Silva declared this morning, when he continued his submissions that the Defence had no case to answer.

The hearing is before Mr Poon Yan-hoi in the Supreme Court Building. As all Courts in the Building were occupied this morning, the hearing took place in Mr Justice Scholes' Chambers, which was thrown open for the purpose.

James Joseph Osbourne, King, a merchant, of 20 Brang Circuit, is accused of having taken \$4,000 from the use of his wife, Margaret, on November 17, 1950, whilst a Director of Falconer's.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford are both for the Prosecution, instructed by Hastings and Company. Mr M. A. da Silva appears for the Defence.

Resuming his address, Mr Silva said: "At this stage, Sir, I would like to remind your Worship of my seven inferences. There was an eighth inference, this on being in favour of the Prosecution. I do not say that all seven inferences are probable. Inference No. 7 was the one in which I said you could infer it was a permitted course of conduct in the relations between these three persons (Seymour, Ipekjdian and King) for anyone to use the Falconer's name to finance a deal and keep the profits for himself. I would go so far as regards Inference No. 7 that the clearer inference is one of malicious discrimination, but I say this as regards the remaining inferences that some, if not all, are overwhelmingly probable.

### ILLUSTRATION

"If I may give you a summarised illustration thus: There are two inferences, one for \$1,100 and the other for \$700. The factual question to be proven is this: which is the true contractual price? For the purpose of convenience, Sir, I will call my next two features Fact X1 and Fact X2. Fact X1 is this: If \$700 is the true contractual price Falconer's property and there may be in a case of fraudulent conversion, I use the words 'may be' because even in that case, if you think it is probable that the dealing was between Holden and King in the first instance upon which the true contractual price was \$700—this, for the purpose of convenience, I remind you, Sir, is Inference No. 5—then this \$400 would be a secret profit and a secret profit does not make the \$400 Falconer's property.

"The next fact, X2, is that the true contractual price was \$1,100 and if this is the finding then the \$400 is not Falconer's. It would be Holden's property, as I illustrated before, to pay out as Holden desired in any one of many forms, even as a secret commission to King. In this case, the \$400 excess not being Falconer's property, the charge is not made out. I think your Worship appreciates that you must fraudulently convert Falconer's property before the charge can be made out.

"Direct evidence as to what the true contractual price would be, for example, from Holden going into the witness box and saying to the Court 'The true contract price was \$700' or he might say 'It was \$1,100'. That would be direct evidence, then Fact X1 or Fact X2 has to be deduced or proven from inference on subsidiary facts, these subsidiary facts being these two inferences for

different amounts and the surrounding circumstances. Mr Silva then referred the Court to a passage in Wills on Circumstantial Evidence, and went on to say that if Holden came to give evidence on the price that would be direct evidence, but if he did not do that, then the Court must rely on subsidiary facts.

"If these subsidiary facts which constitute circumstantial evidence may point in one light to \$700 being the true contractual price, which is Fact X1, or may point in another light to \$1,100 being the true contractual price, which is Fact X2—Fact X2 being consistent with innocence and not guilt—then with these two main inferences pointing in opposite directions, these subsidiary facts constitute no evidence at all.

"They constitute just nothing—a mere evidential value—because the law does not permit you to pick and choose between two probable inferences, X1 or X2, and to say which is the more probable. I go on to say this: My learned friend, Mr d'Almada, must show for the Prosecution that Fact X2, namely the true contractual price was \$1,100, is an impossible or incompatible inference from the surrounding circumstances. These words I use 'impossible' and 'incompatible' come from Wills and are not merely my words. Not only must Mr d'Almada show that Fact X2 is an impossible inference, he must go on to show that Fact X1—that the contractual price was \$700—is the only possible inference and must show this with the accuracy of mathematics. These words 'with the accuracy of mathematics' again come from Wills. They are the words of Lord Hewitt, Lord Chief Justice in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

### "IMPOSSIBLE FEAT"

"Mr d'Almada must prove that \$700 is the true contractual price by showing that is the only inference and by showing that with the accuracy of mathematics, I say, with respect, that is an impossible feat in this case.

"For the purpose of showing how impossible that feat is which Mr d'Almada may in due course undertake, I will pose to you the following questions: "Question No. 1. How can you say or show that it is an impossible inference that Holden wanted \$400 of his money in Hongkong for certain purposes? This would be inferences Nos. 1-3. It is Mr d'Almada's impossible task of showing that are improbable inferences before he can succeed.

"Question No. 2. How can you say or show that it is an impossible inference that Holden dealt with King, and King in turn with Falconer's plus a secret profit? I remind you, Sir, this was Inference No. 5. I remind you shortly of what I have given you in detail—the invoices show Holden sold to Jimmy King.

"Question No. 3. How can you say or show that it is an impossible inference that Holden actually contracted for \$1,100

and drew only for \$700 as a convenient method (a) to pay a secret commission to Margaret King (Inference No. 4) or (b) to pay a secret commission to Jimmy King (Inference No. 5)? Unless you show that is impossible, these subsidiary facts constitute no evidence at all and there is no case.

### GOES BY BOARD

"Question No. 4. 'If you are convinced, as you must be I say, that Ipekjdian attempted to make a secret profit on the Arcus deal, or that Ipekjdian had fraudulently converted concealed profits on the Bulova transaction or that Ipekjdian had fraudulently converted profit that should have gone to Falconer's on the gold transaction, then Ipekjdian had made a secret profit of about 35 per cent on the Esmerian platinum Jewellery. I would point out to you that there is no denial, no explanation, however wild, from Seymour of that secret profit. If you are so convinced of these factors, then Inference No. 7 goes by the board and an overwhelming case of malicious discrimination in prosecuting King only and not Ipekjdian or for that matter Seymour himself is made out for my subsequent submission on malicious abuse.

"If you find that these profits were not secretly made by Ipekjdian, and if you find that he had not appropriated Falconer's profits secretly and without consent, if you find that all parties concerned—these three persons—were fully aware of the appropriation of these secret profits, and permitted the same to be done, then Inference No. 7 arises as a probability, and if it arises as a probability, then it is not probable and not impossible that the \$400 was treated by general permitted arrangement as private property of the financier and not Falconer's."

The hearing is continuing.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Times Signal and Programme Summary: 6.30, Time for Music. The London Light Concert Orch. and the London Light Concert Orch. (BBC): 7. Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margaret (Radio): 7.50, World News and United Nations Report (London Relay): 8. Time Signal from America by Alistair Cooke (Recorded London Relay): 8.30, We sing for you—Webster Booth (tenor) and Glen Calley (soprano): 8.45, Orchestra of the Week. Concert by the London Light Concert Orch. (BBC): 9. Minor for String Quartet, by Pjeter Jurgens—Catherine (Radio): 9.15, Majorly Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother receives the Freedom of the City of London. The Broadcast includes Her Majesty's Speech in reply to the City Chamberlain and Guildhall (London Relay): 9.30, The Old Curiosity Shop, by Charles Cresswell—Catherine (Radio): 9.45, Mabel Castanheira, produced by Cleland Finn (Part 3) (BBC): 10.50, Weather Report: 11. Radio News Reel (London Relay): 11.15, Goodnight Music: 11.30, Glen Gray and his Orchestra: 12.15, Reel: The Cambridgegrove Stakes. A recorded Commentary on the Race at Newmarket (London Relay): God Save The Queen: 12.30, Close Down.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The boss's son has got another murder mystery to keep in busy this afternoon—it sure would be a nice place to work if he ran the firm."

## Alleged Attempted Murder

Dan Fat, 28, welder, of 10 Tai Ning Street, first floor, charged with the attempted murder of two Chinese women, was committed to stand trial at the Supreme Court by Mr Morris at Central this morning.

Div. Det-Insp. K. Bode prosecuted, assisted by Det. Sub-Insp. T. Chalmers.

Tam Sui-yung testified that at 8 p.m. on August 22 she was in the front portion of the premises when she heard her mother, Wong Sau-chun, shout "Save Life". She then went in to see what was happening and saw the defendant standing with a chopper in his hands in the passage way. She said the defendant was standing in such a position as to prevent anyone going through.

Yu Po-yuk testified that on August 22 she was in her bedroom when she heard her mother-in-law, Chan Ki-hung, return and she saw him pick up a stool to ward off a blow directed at him by the defendant with the chopper.

The Prosecution said during a routine search in Lung Shun Wan yesterday evening, the Police discovered that an in-board motor engine was fitted to defendant's craft.

Defendant in mitigation claimed that he was ignorant of the regulations. "If I have known that it is against law, I would not have installed it," he said. He further added that the engine had not been used for the past six months and it was already rotten.

## Editor On Grave Charge

Charged with conspiracy to obstruct or pervert public justice, Kam Cheuk-ting, 44, cable editor of the Wah Kiu, and Yat Po, 104, Java Road, ground floor, and Au Ming-shun, 44, Wanchai Road and the Sing Tao, 142, Connaught Road, Central, second floor, were remanded for seven days by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

It was alleged that between October 21 and October 24, they conspired to obstruct or pervert public justice, by the publication of a series of articles in the Wah Kiu, Yat Po, and Sing Tao, which were intended to influence the outcome of the trial of the defendants in the case of the alleged murder of the late Mr. Lee.

The charge was read and explained to them, but no plea was taken.

## Mr And Mrs Du Toit Return

Mr Paul Du Toit, popular Doocean Boy's School teacher, returned here this morning with his bride, the former Miss Ellen Hing of St Paul's Girls' College, in the mv Asia.

Mr and Mrs Du Toit, who were married in London on August 1, spent their honeymoon on the Continent before embarking at Genoa for their return to the Colony.

## Fire At K'loon Factory

A fire broke out at about 3.30 this morning at the Volta Electric Manufacturing Company Ltd., at 690, Castle Peak Road. The cause of the fire was an electric short circuit.

The fire was put out by ten of the workers with the help of the fire brigade. Damage done was estimated at \$10,000.

## This Morning's Arrivals

Among the passengers who arrived here this morning in the Italian liner, mv Asia, from Genoa were Mrs Gilda Dittmann, wife of Mr H. Dittmann, German Consul-General, and Mrs Ruth Franko, wife of Prof. H. Franko, Vice-Consul. They were met on board by Mr Dittmann and others from the Consulate-General.

The troopship, HMT Empire Trooper, arrived here this morning from the United Kingdom with miscellaneous replacement troops for Hongkong and for Korea.

"Who's His Line?" Solution  
DISPENSE  
London Express Service.

## JUDGE SUMS-UP IN LIBEL ACTION

The action for alleged libel against the Tiger Standard Ltd reached its concluding stages at the Supreme Court this morning when the Trial Judge, Mr Justice A. D. Scholes summed up the case to the Jury.

His Lordship said a libel was a false defamatory statement expressed or conveyed by written or printed words in some prominent form, published of and concerning plaintiff to a person other than the plaintiff without lawful justification or excuse.

It was necessary for the plaintiff in an action for libel or slander to show that the statement which he complained of was made and published, of and concerning himself and that it was defamatory of the plaintiff himself within the meaning of the definition.

Plaintiff in the action is Mr Dennis Victor, sole proprietor of the Lido Dance Hall who had claimed special damages for loss of earnings at \$336.62 per day as a result of an alleged libel published in the Hongkong Standard on August 13, 1951.

This claim has since been withdrawn from the Jury by the Judge who held there was no case to go to the Jury on the action of the case.

Defendants are the Tiger Standard Ltd., newspaper proprietors and publishers of 179 Wanchai Road and the Sing Tao, 142, Connaught Road, Central, printers, of the same address.

Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, both instructed by Mr Alfred Y. Hon, are appearing for the plaintiff.

Defendants are represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Mr Charles Loxley, QC, and Mr D. A. L. Wright, all on the instructions of Mr B. N. Cooper of Wilkinson and Grist.

In his summing up, his Lordship told the Jury that the first thing he would like to say was that they must take fully into consideration all the points put forward by Counsel for the plaintiff and Counsel for the defendants.

He said the points had been very ably put before the Jury by Counsel and the Lordship did not propose to go through them again.

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

## The Oldest Inhabitant

THERE is hardly any part of London that does not from time to time appear to those who live there to be more like a village than a section of a vast and sprawling city.

A suburb on a Sunday morning; the web of streets around the Bank after office hours; closed; Fleet Street late in the evening; all assume village characteristics. Few people are about, and those who are know a good deal about each other's business.

Alfred is Alfred's village. Anonymity is hard and men remember they are neighbours of each other.

The West End is Alfred's village.

HE was born—how many years ago not even he remembers—in one of those blind-alley "cours" that thread the back streets of the West End as aimlessly as country lanes.

Alfred has never moved from the West End since, and for the past 40 years he and his wife have made their home in a single room a few streets away from where he was born.

They raised a family who, one by one, as they grew old enough, struck out for themselves and set up homes of their own in far-off places.

Alfred never felt the urge to visit them and he has lost track of their whereabouts. And now he is alone for three months since his wife died.

SIMPLE JOBS HE went on living in the same single room, paying the 8s. weekly rent from his old age pension of 32s., and passing his time in the most ordinary of ways.

Shop-holders in the markets, stall-keepers, barrow-boys, all knew him. When they could they would give him simple jobs to do.

Now and again the old man went begging. He is so venerably elderly and has such a frank and pleasant old face that had he taken up begging whole-time he might have done very well at it. A policeman the other day saw five people out of six that Alfred approached give him coins.

THE policeman arrested Alfred, who next morning at Great Marlborough Street, admitted before Mr Rowland Thomas, QC, that he had indeed been begging.

"When I arrested him," said the young officer who had done so, "he told me he was 44, in the heat of the moment. He said to me 'I'm only getting a living.' When he was later searched, he had on him 15s. 13s. 2½d."

"Ah never had no five pun," Alfred said.

"Show him the charge-sheet," the magistrate ordered, and this document which showed details of all that had been found in Alfred's pockets, was handed to the dock.

"Can't understand them things," Alfred said, brushing the document away.

"Well I can't lend him my glasses. Any volunteers?" the magistrate asked.

ADVICE FOR ALFRED THERE were none, but I doubt if it mattered. A pair of spectacles placed on his nose would not have taught Alfred to read.

"You had no need to beg, and that isn't fair to people," said the magistrate. He called in Mr Charles Morgan, the probation officer, who told him Alfred's history.

"Well, look here," Mr Thomas said, "I'll discharge him conditionally, see what you can do for him will you? Give him some advice."

Mr Morgan nodded that he would and he and Alfred left. I wondered what advice Alfred would be given. Mine to him would have been to apply for official oldest-inhabitant status in the West End village where he lived.

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

ISAAC STERN, like SOLOMON, has been creating a sensation in Japan. He is one of the world's greatest violinists. Four weeks ago it came to my knowledge that he was visiting Japan and would come through Hongkong on his way to Europe. From then on I tried to contact him through New York and Japan but with no success. To cut a long story short, my efforts only bore fruit yesterday, when Isaac Stern himself spoke to me on the telephone from Tokyo and promised me he would give a recital during the 48 hours he will be here. My explanations are necessary for music lovers who might be bewildered at this short notice. Isaac Stern will give one recital at the EMPIRE THEATRE on Wednesday, 4th November, 1953, at 6 p.m. Admission prices are \$20, \$15 and \$10. Booking commences to-morrow at the EMPIRE THEATRE and their Town Booking Office, Shell House (side lane).

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